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The Editor's Page



LOEL F. SCHREIBER

A New Editor

THE SILENT WORKER regrets to announce the resignation of Mrs. Loel F. Schreiber as editor, effective this month. Mrs. Schreiber was one of the members of the original staff, and she has faithfully met every deadline since the first, serving for a time as news editor and taking over the editorship as successor to Bill White about a year ago.

Mrs. Schreiber has found the constant recurrence of deadlines too much of a drag on her time and her obligations to her growing family. A brilliant writer, she is too valuable to be lost entirely to the pages of THE SILENT WORKER, and we hope she will be with us again in some capacity when she has recuperated from her long ordeal as editor.

The departure of Mrs. Schreiber from the editorial sanctum necessitates a certain amount of reorganization, and new assistants and new ideas will be announced as we come to them. In the meantime, B. B. Burnes will take over the editorial department. What with his job as president of the NAD and numerous other duties, he will need help. He is now scurrying about in search of feature writers, copy boys, proof readers, and layout men. Anyone possessing such talents and desirous of helping produce the magazine is urged to contact THE SILENT WORKER office.

The N.E.G.A. Statue Committee, I. to r.: Douglas Cameron, William Newell, Jr., Supt. E. B. Boatner of the American School, Edward Vigeant, Walter Rockwell, and Harry V. Jarvis, Chairman

Another Statue?

In the Letters department, page 31, Wesley Lauritsen, editor of *The Companion*, Minnesota School for the Deaf, and of THE SILENT WORKER Churches department, offers an argument against solicitation of funds to erect another statue. Mr. Lauritsen's argument deserves careful consideration.

In the former generation, the chief interest of the organized deaf seemed to be centered in erecting monuments to our benefactors. The deaf as a whole tired of the statue business and the NAD was widely condemned for its efforts in this direction when it might have been doing something of more material benefit to the deaf. Officials of the NAD agreed. They felt that enough statuary had been produced for all time to come.

We have nothing but praise for the officials of the New England Gallaudet Association in their desire to perpetuate the memory of Gallaudet, and, as Mr. Lauritsen has written, if they wish to erect another statue, that is their business. However, we agree with Mr. Lauritsen that the thousands of dollars which would go into the statue could be used for better purposes.

The New England Gallaudet Association is the oldest group of organized deaf in America. It has compiled a long record of accomplishment for the welfare of the deaf, and it deserves the commendation of all the deaf. However, there are probably many who will object to its proposed solicitation of funds on a nation-wide scale for the purpose of building a statue. At this time, especially, the NAD campaign for funds for a home office means more to the welfare of all the deaf.



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LOUISVILLE DEAF RECEIVE NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY

THE DEAF OF LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, and their activities were featured in a recent issue of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* magazine section and so much interesting information was contained in the article, we are reproducing most of it here for the benefit of readers who did not see the Louisville paper, although the article was widely distributed through a newspaper syndicate.

The article was born right in the *Courier-Journal's* offices, through an interview between Harry Shaw, a reporter, and George Gordon Kannapell, a member of the composing room staff, relayed by Philip Kaim, an engraver who understands the sign language. Harold B. Littell, a photographer and son of deaf parents, also figured in the story, and took a number of pictures which accompanied it. Some of them are reproduced herewith.

As usual, the reporter slipped up on an occasion or two, and, just to keep the record straight, THE SILENT WORKER has inserted a few comments here and there, where the reporter evidently misunderstood the information relayed to him. George Gordon Kannapell, incidentally, in addition to helping publish the Louisville paper, is secretary of the Louisville Association of the Deaf, and a member of the Executive Board of the National Association of the Deaf.

Here's the story, which was entitled, "Social Life Abounds Among Louisville's Deaf":

"Drawling in the sign language is quite a trick. But it can be done.

"As a matter of fact, the language of the totally deaf differs far more than spoken language does. There are differences in signs between Columbus, Ohio, and Louisville. But the "Southern accent" of Louisville's deaf is not quite like that from farther south.

"Sometimes these differences can gum up a conversation far more than spoken dialects could. H. B. Littell, Associated Press photographer who came to Louisville from Ohio, had his troubles conversing with members of the deaf colony here. Littell is not deaf, but his parents were, and he has associated closely with the deaf for this reason.

"Most of the reading of sign lan-

Above, some well known Louisville deaf engage in a sign conversation for the news camera. Left to right: Clifford Whitt, G. Gordon Kannapell, Mrs. Whitt, and Mrs. Kannapell.

guage is in group patterns," Littell says. "And if some of the signs are misunderstood, the whole pattern is spoiled. Then it's necessary to go back and get the crossed signals straightened out before the conversation makes sense."

"But the dialectic differences in language are not allowed to stand out among the deaf as they are among people who can hear. Where the drawl of a Mississippian would mark him as a man apart in the North, the differences in sign language are passed over quickly because of the strong bonds among the deaf.

"There are 170 totally deaf people in Greater Louisville. Most of these were born that way or became deafened in early childhood before they had learned to talk. People who become deaf later in life usually are called the hard of hearing, to distinguish them from the congenital deaf."

(Here the reporter reveals a misunderstanding common to those who are not acquainted with the deaf. A deaf person is *deaf*. He isn't partially deaf or totally deaf. He can not hear, and it makes no difference at what age the onset of deafness took place. If he has no usable hearing, he is *deaf*. If deafness was present at birth, he is

congenitally deaf, and if it befell him at some later age, he is adventitiously deaf. But in either case, he is *deaf*. A hard of hearing person is one who possesses a certain degree of usable hearing. He may need a hearing aid to help him out, but if he has any usable hearing, he is not deaf. He is hard of hearing, and again the age of onset has nothing to do with the matter.)

"The smallness of the minority of the totally deaf and the difficulty they experience in associating normally with hearing people have provided them with some pretty stiff problems. Most of them have overcome the obvious obstacles to earning a living. They are principally concerned with other activities.

"Social activity has been our main problem," says George G. Kannapell, secretary of the Louisville Association of the Deaf and a member of the executive board of the National Association of the Deaf, with which the Louisville group is affiliated.

"Our people can communicate with hearing people satisfactorily enough in business affairs, but the obstacle of speech is too much for either side to overcome in social activity," he says.



"Kannapell has taught himself to speak in a pretty understandable fashion, and he is an expert lip-reader. As a result, his association with hearing people is much easier. But only about one-fourth of the deaf have been able to teach themselves to speak, although most of them are very deft at lip-reading.

"The deaf have found the answer to the problem of social activity in the Louisville association. It is not purely social. It serves as link between the deaf here and in other parts of the country.

"The association's clubrooms at 306 W. Jefferson are a beehive of activity on week ends. The deaf are not the only people who visit the rooms, either. There are many hearing people in Louisville who have associated with the deaf much of their lives and enjoy whiling away their hours at the club.

"There is a card room where a fellow can sit in for a few hands of poker. There is a lounge where groups can "shoot the breeze" with their hands as long as they wish. And there is a main room which contains dancing space, a bar and some tables scattered about. The lounge is not as silent as one might think. In fact, it can get pretty noisy at times.

"There are movies, lectures and plays given purely for the benefit of the deaf colony. These help fill the hours for recreation. Some of the deaf have television sets. The favorite pro-

grams on television are sports events like wrestling, baseball or football—physical feats that are easy to understand without sound.

"The club itself goes in for sports. In summer there is a softball team which winds up its season by playing in a tournament sponsored by the Central Athletic Association of the Deaf. This association is composed of groups from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. There is a beauty contest as an added feature. Louisville's Mary Susan Grever placed second last year.

"In winter there is bowling. Teams of deaf for miles around are challenged by the local team, and the season is climaxed by another Central Association tournament.

"But the high lights of social activity are the occasional 'blowouts' planned by the club. When these are scheduled, invitations are sent to cities within a radius of 200 miles or so. And the welkin really rings with merry-making of the group.

"An example is a recent party given by the association to raise funds to replace money spent for an operation on one of its members.

"There was a gala function at the club, but the feature of the evening was a six-act show to surpass all shows. The program included a recitation of 'America,' several skits of the slapstick variety, and the climax was a rendition of 'Casey at the Bat' by the Rev. Robert C. Fletcher of Birmingham, who gestures with a Southern accent.

"It was a masterpiece of pantomime. The audience sat with its attention riveted to the stage as Mr. Fletcher described how sorrow came to Mudville when the mighty Casey struck out. And all the while the auditorium resounded with the whoops of small cowboys, Indians, cops and robbers—the speaking children of the deaf who were more interested in noisy pursuits.

"The Louisville association is guided by three officers now. James Purvis, president of the group, recently moved to Spokane, Wash., and the burden of administration has fallen to Charles J. Reiss, vice-president; Kannapell, and James Morrison, treasurer.

"Members of the deaf colony here fall into three principal religious groups—Catholics, Episcopal and Baptist."

(The word "colony" used here is merely a figure of speech. The deaf do not live in "colonies." They live the same way other people live, and they own their own homes in the same proportion that other people do.)

"The Catholics have one service a month, under the guidance of the Rev. Joseph A. Newman, who learned the sign language just for that mission. The Rev. R. E. Brown is the spiritual leader of the Baptists, who have weekly Bible classes, and sermons once a month. The Episcopalians have Bible classes weekly, and church services once a month. Their minister is Mr. Fletcher. He also serves groups in six or seven other Southern states regularly, and in still more states occasionally."

Below, at left, The Reverend Robert Fletcher features a club show with a rendition of "Casey at the Bat." Right, Mrs. Anthony Ray sees that the Ray Children, Betty and Tommy, clean up their lunch platter.



The Barber Who Lets You Snooze

By EARL ROGERSON

HAVE YOU EVER FELT the need for forty winks in the late afternoon, especially after you have finished your daily stint on the bread and butter route? Then hie yourself off to a little shop located on Ogden's busy Washington Boulevard. There, you can climb into a barber chair and take a snooze while getting your locks shorn. If you're lucky enough to walk in at the right moment, that is. Otherwise, you'll have to take your cat nap in one of the comfortable chairs, while waiting your turn.

The barber, an easy-going, quiet fellow, gives no voice to his political views, nor does he menace life and limb. Some excitable tonsorial artists get het up over some guy like Bags Baccadi, and start slashing the air with scissors or razor, too close to the patron's neck for comfort. Not this one.

Finding a job in the early thirties was like finding the proverbial haystack needle. Arvel Christensen faced the usual depression hardships when he graduated from the Utah School for the Deaf. Since jobs were not to be had, Arvel decided to create one for himself. He had taken a little training in barbering while a student at the school for the deaf, so he decided to give it a try.

Christensen enrolled in the Molar Barber College in Salt Lake City, and for five months commuted via the interurban while learning to cut hair without the aid of a bowl. He stoutly

denies that he ever had use for one.

He finally obtained his "sheepskin" and passed his state examination. His next problem was where to locate.

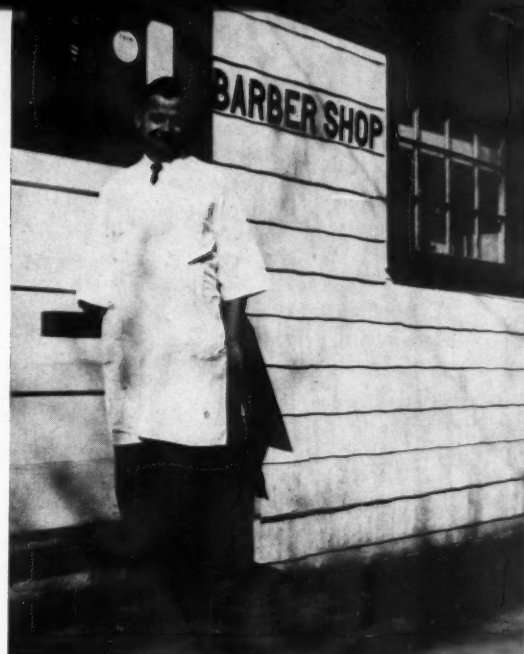
At this time, Arvel was living with his family down on Thirteenth Street. His parents' home boasted a front porch running the full frontage of the house. Arvel simply turned half the porch into a cozy shop and hung out his "shingle"—or barber pole. Time came and went. So did customers.

By 1940, Arvel had amassed enough capital to expand. He leased a lot on the main stem and built a shop. The shop contained two sections, one for living quarters and the other for the barbering trade. Arvel was a confirmed bachelor (so we thought!).

With the shop situated almost directly across the street from one of Ogden's largest high schools, business soon improved. Recently we visited his shop and found a varied assortment of customers. Included were representatives of top Army brass. Our hero nonchalantly gave them the works, and sent them on their way perfectly groomed.

Eighteen years have passed since Arvel created his own job. The only change we can see is that he is a little heavier around the waist.

Two years ago, our bachelor friend decided to take a vacation. California beckoned. We don't know whether it was due to the California sunshine go-



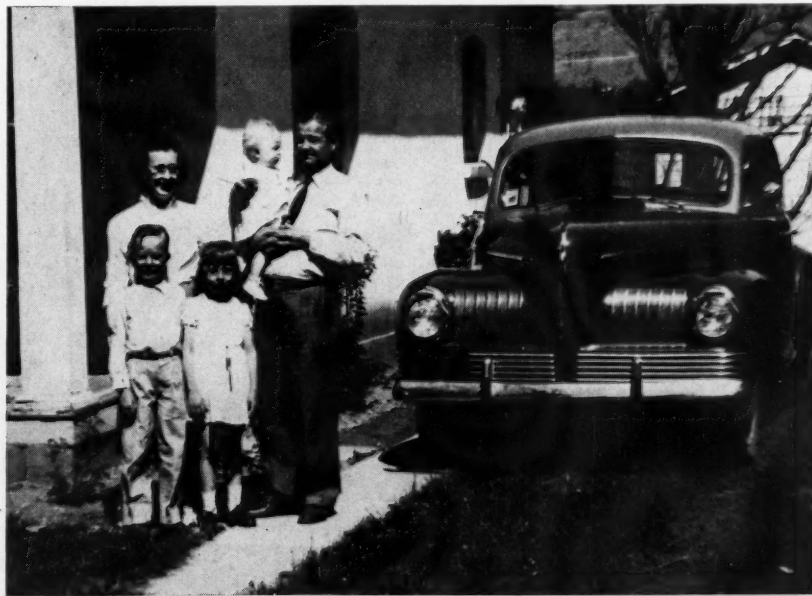
Christensen in front of his barber shop, constructed in 1940.

ing to his head, or his purchase of a new home shortly before; however, he returned with a bride, the former Berdean Shumway.

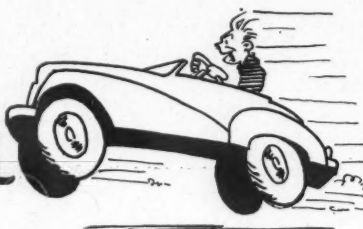
The Christensens have three children. Two of them, a boy and a girl, are children of Mrs. Christensen by a former marriage. The third, a girl, is the happy couple's own baby, at present a year old.

Arvel is a modest fellow. He has given his best to the work in hand—the work he created for himself. By so doing, he has created not only his own job but an eminently satisfactory way of life.

Below, at left, Christensen as he appeared in 1932, while studying barbering in Salt Lake City. Right, the Christensens at their Ogden home.



THE NUT THAT HOLDS THE WHEEL



By THE AUTOMANIAC

BATTERY AND GENERATOR

These units go together like ham and eggs. The battery expends its power in starting the engine and once it is running the generator puts the power back. This goes on for a long time, the battery gradually diminishing in capacity until it is exhausted. Without the generator the battery would soon go dead, and without the battery the engine couldn't be started.

A modern battery, even a small, cheap one, contains a tremendous amount of power, and it takes plenty to crank an engine. Don't sneer at your battery; show some respect for it. Usually it is the forgotten man of the team of units which runs a car. But when it goes dead it is remembered with regret by the driver who should have taken better care of it.

There are no tricks in caring for a battery. The level of the water should be high enough to cover the plates completely, and the posts to which the cables are fastened should be free from corrosion. That's all. Too difficult for you?

You can help your battery do its job better by seeing to it that the cables which carry the current are of adequate capacity and in good shape. Too much corrosion, frayed strands of wire, damaged insulation, and such evidence of deterioration are signs that you need new cables. They don't cost much. But when you replace them, get them big enough. As a rule, a replacement cable should be one size larger in diameter (cross section of copper) than the original, because of resistance which forms in the various electrical connections as the car ages. In any case, I should never use a cable smaller than No. 0, except perhaps in small, light cars which originally had No. 2. In the latter a No. 1 could be used, but I'd still prefer a No. 0. (The smaller the gauge number, the greater the cable's capacity.) Smearing a cable terminal and its battery post with vaseline or any other grease is a good preventive of corrosion.

The battery should be handled with care. Careless handling can break the case or damage the plates inside the case, which would shorten its life to practically zero. It should be fastened in its seat snugly so that it can't vibrate, but not so tightly as to strain the case, which, after all, is only made of hard rubber and is not very strong.

The generator, like the battery, requires little care. Just put a few drops of oil in the cups now and then. Make sure the fan belt is tight enough not to slip but

not so tight as to place undue load on the generator bearings. (Or the water pump bearings, either.)

In ordinary service, I believe a generator should last at least two years before it requires repairs. After that period of time, it is a good idea to have it cleaned; at the same time the repair man will reface the commutator and install new brushes. It should then be good for at least another two years.

The output of the generator is controlled by an instrument called a regulator. The regulator is set at the factory and, unless your car is subject to unusual service, should never be changed. If your battery is not receiving a charge, as shown by the dashboard ammeter, don't let anyone fool around with the regulator. You can rap it with your fist, but if that does not help leave it alone.

A man who knows his business can tell in a minute, almost positively, whether the trouble is in the generator or in the regulator. If it is the latter, let him install a new one. If the former, it probably needs a cleaning and usually new brushes. In ordinary service generators rarely develop serious trouble, such as a short circuit in the windings. Don't let anyone sell you a new generator unless you are absolutely sure your own generator cannot be easily repaired.

Warning: I've said it before and I say it again: Few garage mechanics know much about electricity, and still fewer about generators and regulators. Make sure your repair man knows his business, because guessing on these units can do much harm. If in doubt, take it to a station authorized to repair your electrical system—and go by the name of your car's electrical system, not the make of car.

As your battery ages, you should have it tested more and more frequently, until it is obvious that it won't last much longer. Then buy a new one; don't wait until the old one goes dead. You may lose a few days' service from your old battery, but it may save you from getting stuck somewhere with a dead battery. If you can change a battery yourself, put the new one in the trunk and drive your old battery until it is dead. If your dealer won't accept the old battery on those terms, you can sell it to a junk dealer for just as much.

Don't drive a very low battery in extremely cold weather. It may freeze and break the case by expansion. A fully charged battery won't freeze.

The Automaniac is an expert on the care, performance, and operation of any kind of automobile. Readers who would like to have him answer questions should address letters to THE SILENT WORKER, 982 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley 8, California. Answers will be published in this column.

An Interesting Hobby . . .

Collecting Buttons

By ROY K. HOLCOMB

Suppose you wake up one morning and discover that all the buttons on your clothes had disappeared. Wouldn't you think this strange? You would hasten to get your needle and thread and some spare buttons. But suppose you couldn't find or even buy any more buttons. They all had mysteriously vanished. Then what would you do?

You would suddenly realize how essential buttons are to your everyday life. You would have to use pins to fasten your shirt and sleeve cuffs. You would have to leave your coat open or else find some other means to fasten it. There would have to be substitutes in all places where buttons were once reliable. You wouldn't enjoy this kind of life very long, would you? There would probably soon be a panic and everybody would grieve over the great loss. However, there would be one person who would have a greater loss than most people. This person would be Mrs. Eulalia Burdick of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Burdick collects buttons and has been doing so for a number of years. She has hundreds upon hundreds of buttons in her collection and hopes to collect more in her lifetime. When she finds some buttons that she wants she will do practically anything to obtain them. Once the buttons are in her possession there can be no hiding of her happiness. Her eyes will twinkle. She will smile and continue smiling while thanking you a dozen times for the valuable additions to her collection. I honestly think she would be your slave for life if things were carried that far.

Eulalia began her hobby of collecting old and odd buttons in 1941. She read about the hobby in a hobby magazine. Some time later when she was visiting her husband's people in Massachusetts she spied several old buttons belonging to her mother-in-law. Her memory carried her back to the hobby story. Then and there she created a new interest in life. This interest has increased by leaps and bounds through the years.

The collection now consists of over 10,000 different kinds of buttons. She has collected buttons all over the United States and from people from all walks of life. Once she gets on the track of some rare buttons she hunts them down somewhat similar to a detective after a criminal. No clues are overlooked and most trails lead to the attic or an old trunk full of keep-sakes.

As to her favorite buttons, she says that her paperweight buttons have first place in her heart. However, she is almost equally crazy about her other buttons, every one of the 10,000. She

never gets tired of taking them out of their keeping place and showing them to people. It would take a long time to look at 10,000 buttons but anyone having the patience and time to do so would find her an interesting and energetic entertainer.

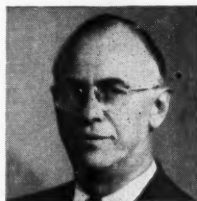
From her collection she would be sure to show you buttons off Fanwood military uniforms of yester-years. These buttons have the letter "A" of the manual alphabet on them. Then there would be buttons with the characters of Aesop's fables. These buttons are very appealing to those who enjoy Aesop's fables as well as to those who are not familiar with his works. There would also be hundreds of other buttons that she would tell you about, make you hold and try to appreciate in the same sense as herself.

Collecting buttons is not all fun. There are joys and disappointments in this hobby as Mrs. Burdick very well knows. There have been times when certain parties have informed her that they had buttons which she might like to add to her collection. Eulalia would write these people and urge them to use the utmost care in their wrapping and to be sure to insure the packages. Imagine her disappointment when she opened these packages and found buttons as common as the three-cent stamp of George Washington. On the other hand, there have been people who possessed rare buttons but were unaware of it. This is not the case of a certain lady in Pennsylvania who is asking \$1,000 for a bushel of rare buttons.

For button lovers there is a national button club through which members can make trades and discuss their hobby. Of course, Eulalia belongs to this club. She has attended every annual convention of the club since 1941 except for the one held at Kansas City last year. She regrets very much that she had to miss this one.

As a side hobby, Eulalia collects political campaign buttons and miniature what-nots. She has collected the campaign buttons through several of our national campaigns for the presidency. It is interesting to look at these buttons with the pictures and slogans of our great men of the years that have gone by.

Mrs. Burdick and buttons



ken's korner

by MARCUS L. KENNER

*"Oh God, that men would see a little clearer
Or judge less harshly where they cannot see.
O God, that men would draw a little nearer
To one another, they'd be nearer Thee."*

Folks, here's wishing you all a truly heart-warming and richly rewarding Happy New Year!

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This "Korner" has, during the past months, received visits of representatives from So. Africa, India, Germany, and Japan. Also the following from Tel Aviv, Israel: Mrs. M. Petigrow, here for her daughter's graduation from the Clarke School; Mrs. Betty Mueller, teacher of the deaf, and Miss Luba Gutman, a charming lass, bent on absorbing our American folkways and, already, clamoring for permission to remain permanently. This points out the great need of greater N.A.D. facilities so we can be of more assistance to the deaf here—and abroad.

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How NOT to win friends and influence people—seems to be the indirect end result of the efforts exerted by some of our zealous deaf when writing to Governmental and/or national agencies. Sure, they're well-meant and so forth, but, unfortunately, generally "off the beam." How much better if they would address their wrath—or whatever it is—to the attention of N.A.D. officials. That's what they were elected for! Or, at least, write to our American Bureau of Public Relations experts. That's what they were engaged for! The address is: 121 West Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Ill.

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"Does this movie ('Secrets of Nature,' produced in Russia) have English titles?" I inquired of the sweet young thing at the box office. "No," she replied, "but it has English narration, sir." "I won't be able to hear" (not to speak of absence of lip-reading) was my response. "Oh, yes," was her quick retort, "it will be loud enough." How symptomatic of the common assumption that all sounds "loud enough" to penetrate one's ears can be understood! Wish it were true, don't you?

The public-spirited deaf of Ohio should take a bow! They are to be congratulated on the fact that their new and modern School for the Deaf is finally to be realized. Serves to show what can be accomplished in the face of obstacles by efficient and united team work such as that manifested by the Ohio Federation of Organizations of the Deaf.

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Latest Wuxtry! The age of hokum, evidently, is not past. Quacks and false prophets still abound in our midst. Witness the follow adv.:

*"Amazing New Medical Discovery
Checks Deafness! 1 tablet daily at
meal time helps to restore hearing
to normal usefulness."*

Suffering cats! Just give me 3 aspirins, a glass of ice water and a cup of black coffee, will you? (Meantime, this adv. has been forwarded to our NAD Public Relations office for a complete check up.)

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Says Carolyn Donworth in the "Volta Review": "Some of the little 3-year-olds at the Cleveland Speech and Hearing Center were wearing hearing aids like seasoned veterans. One baby, when he wanted to cry, turned off his aid, and when the tantrum was over, calmly turned it on again."

And, I suppose, that when he was asked for a loan of his lolly-pop, quickly turned his aid off gain! Oh, Finnegan!

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At a New York hotel, a paper salesman was complaining to the manager "I was so cold last night I couldn't sleep. I just lay there and shivered." "Did your teeth chatter?" asked the Manager. "I don't know," replied the salesman, "we don't sleep together."

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The N.A.D. is never fully appreciated by certain elements of the deaf—until some fool law militates against them.

Churches

IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, Editor

Review of Old Year

As we enter the new Year of 1951, it is well for us to pause a moment and examine the events of the old year that has just passed. In our everyday lives, as well as in our church activities, we have enjoyed some success. We have also erred in some respects and things have happened that we wish might never have happened.



WESLEY LAURITSEN

A thought for our review may be gleaned from Reverend A. G. Leisman's "Review of 100 Years of Progress of the Deaf." He pointed out the successes and failures and said, "Like Christ, friend of sinners, we should not condemn; rather, we should examine what made and makes the deaf act as they do which does not reflect favorably upon us all. What are the underlying causes, background, family life?"

In this first issue of 1951, we wish to thank all of those who contributed to the Church Page during the year that has just passed. We also earnestly request that readers send in pictures and items of interest for use during the current year. Publicity of your church activities will inspire others to greater efforts and often provide ideas for new activities in other localities. How about each church group appointing an official reporter for THE SILENT WORKER?

Members of the Los Angeles Baptist Church as they appeared in a Christmas pageant, "One Night in Bethlehem." The pageant was directed by Mrs. M. Margaret Loomis, with scenery and costumes designed by Mrs. H. V. Giles. Musical arrangements were by Mrs. R. J. Shade. On the stage are, l to r.: Mrs. Shade; T. E. Samuelson; Douglas Mitchelson; Mrs. G. F. Willis; N. Lewis; George F. Willis; Lillian Quartermus; Rev. Noble A. Hower, pastor; T. Chrismer; Mrs. Dorothy Chrismer; C. Perdue; Mrs. D. McCleary; Carol Shade; Kathlyn Stirling; Mrs. Robinger; D. McClary; Mrs. Mitchelson; Andrew Stirling; Mrs. Stirling; Mrs. Ray Lewis; Mr. Lewis; Mrs. Loomis; Mrs. Giles; and Mr. Fowler.



Compensation

Miss Jean Walter is a young lady living in Holton, Michigan. She lost her hearing some eight years ago as a result of shock in seeing her father fall to his death. She was bitter and cared for an invalid mother over a period of twenty-two years. Now as a result of something "sent to her by Him who 'giveth me songs in the night'" she is happy. She has compensation which she aptly expresses in the following words:

Because I'm deaf I cannot hear a robin sing,

But I can see a lovely light upon its wing . . .

I cannot hear the laughter of a happy child,

But I can see its little face completely undefiled . . .

I cannot hear the music of wind and tree,

But I can feel its warm caress sweep over me . . .

I cannot hear a plane though the drone is loud,

But its path is beautiful to see, through sky and cloud . . .

But oh, I hear my Father's voice! This is His will,

"Child, trust Me still". . .

Northwest Lutheran Conference

Sixty-five Deaf from the Rainy Portland Field, the Rainier-Seattle Field, and the Rocky Montana Field gathered in Sunny Old Spokane for the first Northwest Lutheran Deaf Conference on Saturday, August 12.

Rev. J. A. Beyer of Seattle opened the morning session with a devotional address on Matt. 5:13: "Ye are the salt of the earth." He showed how the Deaf as Christians are helping to preserve the world from moral and spiritual decay.

Temporary officers were elected: Pastor Beyer, Chairman, and Mr. John Skoglund, Secretary.

The Deaf Mission's Executive Secretary, Dr. J. L. Salvner, read a paper pointing out the important part the Deaf Christians have in the work of the Kingdom of God. Deaf people, both men and women, took an active part in the discussion. A rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. Salvner for his paper.

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional address, also by Pastor Beyer on Matt. 5:14: "Ye are the light of the world." He showed how Deaf Christians are spreading the light of Jesus, who is the Light of the world in this sin-darkened world.

The conference was highly pleased to receive a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. Chester Correll of Memphis, Tenn., who were so largely responsible for the success of two Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conferences.

Mr. John Skoglund read an extended paper on stewardship, but unfortunately there was no time for discussion.

Tentative plans call for a second conference in Portland in June, 1951.

Pastor Beyer brought the business sessions to a close by reading Romans 8:16-17 and reminding the conference that they are children of God, who should use their talents to enlarge the kingdom of their Father in heaven.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Desert Hotel, featuring the film "Reaching from Heaven." The film showed how our gracious God extends His love and help to penitent sinners through His children and His Church.

On the enchanting shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho an all-day outing was held on Sunday. It began with a service, in which Pastor Beyer delivered the sermon, "The Way to Genuine Happiness Leads Through Cheerful Christian Service." Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. A. J. Sackville-West signed the hymn "Beautiful Savior." Pastor Beyer signed "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

—JOHN SKOGLUND,
The Deaf Lutheran

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Reverend Warren Smaltz

Some time ago a number of papers carried reports that the Reverend Warren Smaltz, of Pennsylvania, had passed to the Great Beyond. We requested an obituary for the Church Page. Instead of getting that, we found that the good Pastor was still sweating for his bread and butter and finding time to chuckle over the pile of letters and cards of sympathy Mrs. Smaltz received. Mr. Smaltz used the words of Mark Twain, "The report of my death was greatly exaggerated." It was a different Rev. Smaltz who passed away in Pennsylvania.

Rev. A. J. Leisman's Work Wins Recognition

"For a Christian Nation in a Christian World" which was mailed to 7,000 in the Milwaukee Diocese contained a picture of Rev. A. J. Leisman before an altar. A brochure commemorating the Centennial of St. James Church also contained a picture of the Reverend Mr. Leisman. It is good to note that deaf clergyman are thus recognized.



The Silent Sunday School Class for the deaf who live in the Chatahoochee River valley, eastern Alabama. Here they are singing "Living for Jesus," with Mrs. Laura J. Formwalt, a teacher in the Tennessee School, leading. Front row, l. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepath and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. James Ferrel and daughter, Margie; Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Smith, Jr., and daughter, Lana; Miss Floy East. Second row: Mr. Kite; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Galloway; Faye Yates; Patsy Ernest; Sally Brown. Third row: Allyne Brawn; Fannie George Hurtt, Educational Director of Langdale Baptist Church; Jerry Stilwell; and Homer Benso.

Sermon of the Month

By REV. WILLIAM LANGE, JR.

Protestant Episcopal Missionary to the Deaf of New York

A NEW YEAR

This is 1951. It is a new year. Everyone seems to greet the New Year with joy. We cheer, blow horns, celebrate. Most of us do, anyway. We seem very happy to have a new year. Why?

Yes, *why* be glad you have a new year? What good is it, unless it is a better year? And how do you know it will be a better year? What? Oh, you are going to make some resolutions? Resolutions to be better, to do better? That's fine. But, didn't you do the same thing last year, and the year before, and the year before *that*? And what happened? You kept those resolutions for a week, or a month, or for two months? And then poof!! You forgot them? And that year was no better than the one before? And *this* year will be the same? Maybe—?

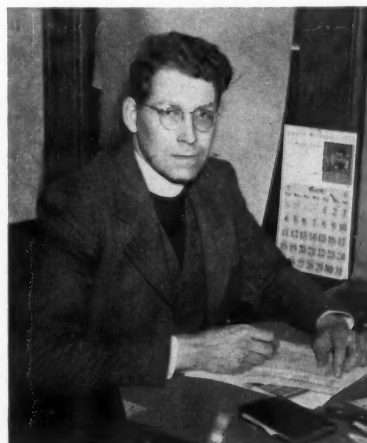
No, it is really no use for us to make resolutions. It is like putting a patch on an old shirt. It holds for a week, then next time we stretch—*r-r-rip*—and it's gone again. You just have to buy a new shirt. Patches, and resolutions, don't last. Get a new **LIFE** to start the new year with. Be born again.

Be born again? *How?* That's

what Nicodemus asked Christ when our Lord told him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." We are flesh, and we do things of the flesh.

To be born again we must believe in Christ crucified. John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. And in John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name.

When we are born again we become part of God's Spirit, we in him—he in us. I John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him (the Father) that begot, loveth him (Christ) that is begotten of him. And I John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life.



Rev. William Lange, Jr.

That means that we cannot have Christ in us unless we *believe* in Him as God's Son and we cannot be anything except natural sinners unless we are born again of God's Spirit, with Christ in us, and we in Him.

So, this new year, be sure, as Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:24, That ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Be new men and women, thru Christ and the Spirit, and have a really new year, for all eternity.

The Educational Front and Parents' Department **Student Progress at Gallaudet**

(The following description of work at Gallaudet College was part of President Elstad's paper at the International Congress of Educators of the Deaf. Due to insufficient space, this portion of the paper was held out of the article as it appeared in our October number.—Ed.)

When our students come to us they customarily start in our Preparatory Year, a period of one year's duration designed to bridge the gap between the work done in the average school for the deaf and that carried on in the Freshman Year of college. On entrance to this year of work they take a standardized achievement test, which over a series of years indicates that these Preparatory Class students have a *medium* level of school attainment which approximates closely the beginning of the eleventh grade, that is, high up in the secondary school level.

The same group, during this first Preparatory Year, is also given a standard personality test, and a series of differential aptitude tests. The latter, covering abilities in language usage, abstract reasoning, space relations, mechanical reasoning and clerical speed and accuracy, are subjected to correlation study in connection with scholastic progress and are highly revealing, both for individual and group purposes.

In the Freshman Year, that is in the college proper, the students take the American Council on Education Psychological Examination for College Freshmen, a test of aptitude in quantitative and verbal skills, to indicate ability to deal with the program of studies customarily offered in American colleges. This examination is very widely used as a predictive measure of academic success. By it we have determined quite clearly a number of important facts with respect to the deaf and higher education. These show that our students stand below the general level of American college students in scholastic ability on the average, but equally significant is the fact that a considerable number of our deaf students score in the highest brackets of ability for hearing students; and finally there are always an appreciable number of hearing students who fail to reach the level of even our weakest students in scholastic aptitude. This seems to be conclusive proof, supported by scientifically constructed tests, that the deaf do have the power of higher intellectual attainment. It is our implied responsibility, then, to pro-



DR. LEONARD M. ELSTAD

vide the opportunity for this power to be developed.

The faculty of the college carefully watches the progress of our students in their studies to determine the degree to which they keep pace with students of the same general academic level in other American colleges for hearing students. For this purpose we have a standard testing program, carried on continuously for a considerable period of years, a period which has revealed to us facts of considerable importance. This program is under the supervision of Dr. Irving S. Fufeld, Dean of the college. The main outlines of this program follow.

Toward the close of the second, or Sophomore, year of the college course above the Preparatory Year, our students participate in a nation-wide testing program known as the National Cooperative College Sophomore Testing Program. The intent of this series of examinations is to determine the level of achievement of American students after they have had the generalized academic studies prevalent in our colleges and universities. The results of these tests show us that our students at Gallaudet College suffer somewhat, by comparison, in the use of the language arts, a fact easily understood in connection with the deaf. There is a lag also in the social studies, in the knowledge of literature, science and modern fine arts. In contrast, however, our deaf students excel in mathematics, in knowledge of contemporary affairs and in modern literature. The point is that, al-

though we do not stand so high in some fields, our students fare well in others, in the over-all pattern achieving at least a moderately satisfying balance of scholastic achievement.

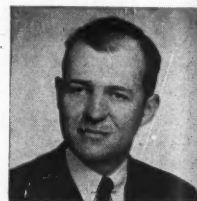
It should be stated that the above examinations are taken by the students of Gallaudet College under precisely the same conditions as when given to students in other colleges and universities.

A further point to keep in mind is that the students at Gallaudet College gain emphasis in other types of learning that are not ordinarily reflected in the results of the above described testing program. They have available specialized training in speech, and in such vocational arts as printing, home economics and library science.

All in all, the net outcome is that Gallaudet College is providing its student personnel opportunity for scholastic development that in an all-around way is typical of the average American college. The tests indicate that the same student personnel—deaf students in this case—are rising to this opportunity.

Brill Resigns

The Education Department for this number has been put together without the assistance of the education editor, Dr. Richard G. Brill, who has been in charge of this department since *THE SILENT WORKER* was started. Dr. Brill will take over his new position as Superintendent of the Southern California School for the Deaf in February, and because of his new duties, obligations, and responsibilities, he has found it necessary to resign from the staff of *THE SILENT WORKER*.



RICHARD G. BRILL

We were fortunate in having such a capable writer and educator as Dr. Brill in charge of this department. Material he has published in these pages has been reprinted and quoted in practically every school journal in the nation. As he goes to his new post, *THE SILENT WORKER* wishes him success. He takes charge of a new school which has not even been built, and he faces a challenge in the educational field such as few have been privileged to experience.

THE SILENT WORKER has been scouring the field for a successor to Dr. Brill as head of the Education Department. If our luck holds, we hope to announce in the next number appointment of another widely known educator and writer.

Parents, Teachers, Counselors Work for Interests of California School

An association of parents, teachers, and counselors was organized at the California School for the Deaf last spring and has been active in efforts to help the school in a number of ways.

The association in California came out with a set of resolutions calling for projects which should be of great help to the school in achieving a number of aims for which it has been striving. By such activities as called for in the resolutions, any such association can be of real help to a school and we are reproducing the most significant of the resolutions here for the information of other such groups who have the interests of their schools at heart:

"Whereas, the Association of Parents, Teachers, and Counselors, of the California School for the Deaf is cognizant of the many needs affecting the continued welfare, education and happiness of deaf children in California, and, having considered the urgency for immediate action concerning these matters, do hereby declare the following to be its

RESOLUTIONS:

"Whereas, the California School for the Deaf has on its staff of administrators and teachers, personnel with specialized and varied knowledge and skills; and

"Whereas, this knowledge offers the School the opportunity to disseminate valuable information, assistance and guidance to parents of deaf children whose bewilderment evinces the need for said service; and,

"Whereas, the California School for the Deaf, being a State agency, is looked upon as the logical center for information and training for both deaf children and their parents, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the State of California establish at the California School for the Deaf, a clinic and training course for parents and their young deaf children.

"Whereas, the welfare and achievement of a deaf child depend greatly upon the early recognition and understanding of the psychological aspects which are common to the handicap of deafness, and which affect both the child and the parent; and,

"Whereas, such psychological disturbances, unrecognized and permitted to continue, may result in serious maladjustment and unacceptable behavior; and,

"Whereas, it is urgently necessary to carry on research and to develop and administer suitable and accurate mental, educational and social tests to in-

sure the deaf child's proper evaluation and classification; and,

"Whereas, it is necessary to correlate audiological and psychological testing in order to recognize and distinguish the various types and degrees of auditory deficiencies, thereby insuring proper recommendations for the child's auditory training program, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the State of California establish at the California School for the Deaf, the position of Clinical Psychologist; and be it further resolved that this position be filled by a competent and well-qualified person among whose attributes must be extensive experience with deaf children and facile ability to communicate with the deaf.

"Whereas, the California School for the Deaf is residential with a capacity of over 450 pupils ranging from 5½ to 21 years of age; and,

"Whereas, the very nature of being in residence for nine months each year during thirteen to fifteen years of the student's school life—a period covering his entire physical growth and most of his mental and social development—gives rise to the unique situation of having to depend wholly on State provisions for those essentials one so readily secures and experiences as a hearing student in regular schools; and,

"Whereas, these vital opportunities for social development, personality expression, and full and constructive use of leisure time must be provided each and every deaf child on his own age and interest levels; and,

"Whereas, the personnel at the School, in immediate charge and daily supervision of the children, do not possess the necessary training and background in physical education and recreation, and further, do not have the time to organize and coordinate such a program of constructive activities; and,

"Whereas, a well-organized program of extracurricular activities for different age levels, covering a broad recreation program such as games, sports, dances, social activities, sociodrama, puppetry, crafts, and camping, would insure a more normal atmosphere, a fuller occupation of leisure time, and much-needed growth and development, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the State of California take immediate steps to establish at the California School for the Deaf, this all-important position of Supervisor of Physical Education Activities and Recreation, whose function will be the organizing, directing and supervising above indicated services.

"Whereas, the opportunities of education of the deaf child offered by the State are often little known by many parents because of apparent ignorance or lack of understanding, and,

"Whereas, school officials, clinics, nurses, and physicians who have the usual immediate contact of parents of deaf children, often lack the necessary information and counsel regarding the education and facilities afforded by the State School, and,

"Whereas, there is need of proper contact and counseling of parents, of educating the parent of the importance of immediate care of the child, of necessary preparation (paper work and correspondence) prior to the admission of the child, and of personal contact with certain questionable cases before admission, and,

"Whereas, to insure better understanding and cooperation between the home and the school regarding matters affecting the pupil, thus avoiding numerous unnecessary problems, and,

"Whereas, it is the responsibility of the school authorities to aid the graduates to find employment through the agency of Vocational Rehabilitation and other contacts, and to check and follow up the graduates for a period of three to five years, therefore,

Be it resolved, That, in order to answer these demands and effect better organized services to the deaf student and the parent, the position of Field Agent and Family Counselor be established at the earliest opportunity.

"Whereas, it is the recognized birthright of every child to be given a full program of education; and,

"Whereas, opportunities for the education of all deaf children in the State have been incomplete for twenty-five years; and,

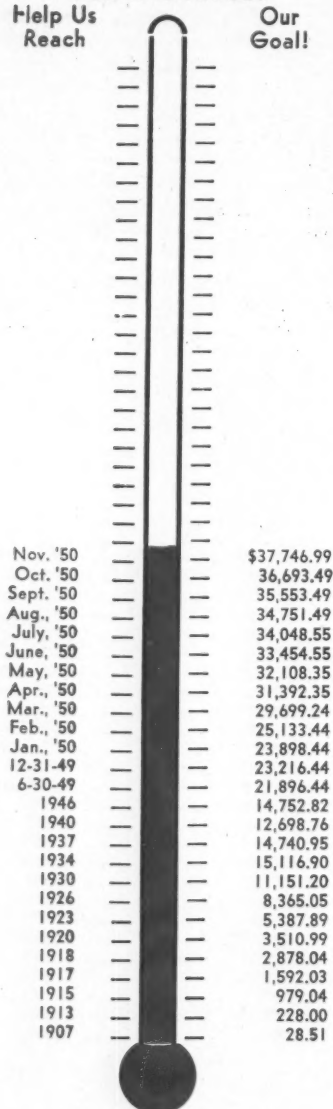
"Whereas, the preclusion of many deaf children from the California School for the Deaf has been experienced due to incomplete facilities; and,

"Whereas, this preclusion has resulted in serious educational dereliction to these children, and severe anguish to their parents; and,

"Whereas, there are several vital facilities still lacking in the expansion program at the California School for the Deaf, which condition precludes the realization of full and efficient functioning of the facilities already established, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the State of California give urgent consideration and seek immediate means for the completion of all units of the long-awaited Building Program."

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Report from the Committee on Increasing the Endowment Fund

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The next few months should see a bit more activity arising out of the NAD Headquarters in Chicago. Mrs. Bray is working on the compilation of the mailing list—and again I repeat, we would like to have more names of hearing prospects. Won't you please help?

Start the New Year with contributions to the Endowment Fund. We, the NAD and the American Bureau of Public Relations, have several important projects—fighting the hearing-aid industries who have made several erroneous claims in their advertisements; the pure-oral factions; the “peddling” situation, and others. In order to attend to each and all problems properly we must have your financial help. I have made three trips to Chicago since Oct. 7 and I'm glad to say that the headquarters is making good progress.

Reuben Altizer, the NAD 2nd V.P. and Chairman of the Membership Committee, wrote that the D.C.C.D. (District of Columbia Club of the Deaf) NAD Rally Night held November 11 was a success. The speakers on the program included Dr. Elstad and Boyce Williams. The final report of

the rally has not been sent in as yet so I cannot inform you what was raised.

The Deaf of New York City have made elaborate plans for a big rally on Saturday, April 14. The Toronto Deaf Thespians will present their play, “Freezing Mother-in-Law”—(the same that was shown at Chicago, October 7)—in the spacious Julia Richman High School Auditorium. This auditorium boasts a capacity of 1,500 seats, with a sloping floor and a balcony. Juan F. Font will chairman the event, assisted by Messrs. Franz Ascher, Charles Golden, Charles Terry, Max Friedman, Joseph Worzel, Robert Swain, Jr., Herbert Carroll, Wolf Bragg and Emerson Romero; Mmes. J. Font, F. Ascher and Lena Peters; Misses Margaret Jackson, Edith Allerup, Annette Bonafede and Alice McVan. The theme of this Rally will be “The New N.A.D.” Watch for further announcements of this rally, which gives promise of being one of the outstanding rallies in 1950 and 1951.

Complimentary letters have poured in on the opening of the NAD Headquarters in Chicago—thus marking steps toward a greater and still greater NAD.

Help us by doing your part! Join as members of the Contributor List, or Century Club, or subscribe for a Life Membership.

Let's go—everyone—in 1951!

LARRY N. YOLLES, *Chairman*

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SWinging 'round the nation

NEW YORK . . .

Albert Berke has favored us with the following bit of news about the Golden Tornadoes. Come again, Albert, and let us keep the world informed as to your doings.

On November 3rd, the members showed up for the regular and nomination meeting. Albert Berke was drafted to serve as president for one more year. Herbert Rothenberg and Leonard Vogel are the candidates for the vice-presidency. Charles Krampe was voted unanimously by the members to do the secretarial job. Seymour Bernstein and Umberto Marienelli will fight for the Treasury post.

After a poor start, the Tornadoes are coming very well in the bowling league and soon they will be out of the cellar due to the improving players. The players were Michael Lorello, Captain; Robert Whiting, Charles Krampe, Al Berke and Leonard Vogel.

As for basketball, the Tornadoes are doing pretty well. They defeated Camden 61-31 at the opening game but lost to the Washington D.C.C.D. by a score of 55 to 49. The Misfits quintets of the YMCA league also edged the Tornadoes 41-39 but the Tornadoes returned to the winning column by romping over Philadelphia H. A. D. 65-57. Carl Lorello now has 82 points in 4 games. His 30 points in the Washington game was the highest he made this young season.

James Lorello, brother of Carl, joined the Golden Tornadoes and bolstered the basketball team.

Dominick Marinaro, one of the members of the basketball squad, became the husband of Marie Salamone last November 19th and now they are honeymooning in Florida.

At the time of this writing the Golden Tornadoes Dramatic Club was preparing for a Christmas play, "A Christmas Carol," under the direction of Joe Hines, assisted by Bernard Bragg and Emanuel Goldenberg. December 23 was to be the date.

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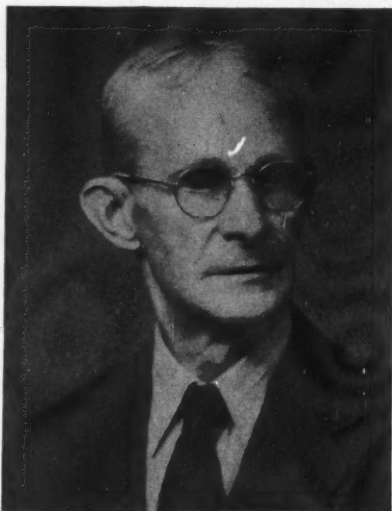
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Harvey E. Hopson, of Durham, N. C., recently honored after 51 years as an employee of the American Tobacco Company.

MISSOURI . . .

Saturday, October 21, found a large group of Kansas Citians and St. Louisans attending the homecoming football game between the Kansas and Missouri schools at Fulton, Mo. The Elmer Asels, of nearby Jefferson City, were kept busy the next day entertaining visitors.

Mercedes Lago, of Kansas City, instead of going to Fulton, attended the homecoming game between the Minnesota and Illinois schools at Jacksonville, Ill., on October 21. The next day was spent sightseeing in Springfield, Ill., before returning home by bus.

The Kansas City Club for the Deaf, Inc., held its annual Halloween Party October 28 under the chairmanship of Erlene Graybill. Costume prizes went to George Steinhauer and Kenneth Cox. Biggest surprise of the evening was the realization that Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vincent, of Los Angeles, were among those in costume. Mrs. Vincent, hte former Ola Haynes, is a sister of Mrs. George Steinhauer of Lavenworth, Kans.

Mrs. John O'Connor, of Blaine, Kans., was in Kansas City October 28 to visit her daughter, Julia, who is working as a laboratory technician at St. Joseph's Hospital. Both ladies attended the party at the KCCD.

The Perle Haners, of Kansas City, were surprised with a silver wedding celebration at their home the evening of October 27. Mrs. Wava Hambel and Mrs. Illene Reilly were the insti-

gators and rounded up a large group of friends who brought the Haners many silver dollars.

Mrs. Monroe Jacobs, who had been the guest of Mrs. T. W. Williams of Kansas City for several weeks, left by plane November 7 for Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Koons, of Des Moines, Ia., visited the Pat McPhersons the afternoon of November 4. Mr. Clayton is the president of the MAAD, while Pat is the Secretary-Treasurer. Plans were discussed regarding the 1951 MAAD Tournament to be held in Des Moines in February. Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Koons were entertained by Mrs. McPherson. The Iowans were in town as representatives of the Des Moines Frat, to attend the 40th Anniversary Banquet of the Kansas City Division No. 31 at which Dr. Arthur L. Roberts was the principal speaker. Others on the program were Mrs. Thelma Dillenschneider, Frank Herrig, Fred R. Murphy, Mrs. Virginia Teegarden, James N. Curtis and Clemenz Dillenschneider.

Norman Steele has done it again! Leaving Kansas City October 28 for a rail trip to the East, he ends up visiting both Canada and Cuba! All in the short period of two weeks, too. To begin with, Norman went to Niagara Falls and crossed over to Canada; two days were spent in New York City; then on to Washington, D. C., where he took another train to Miami, Fla., and got a chance to watch one of the University of Miami football games. A trip to Key West resulted in an overnight visit by plane to Havana, Cuba. Then back to Washington, D. C., where Norman was the guest of the Rhulin Thomases for four days. A stopover was made in Chicago November 11 to visit Josephine Little, before reporting back to the grindstone November 13.

A belated wedding shower was given Mrs. Robert Hambel, the former Santana Benedet, November 19 at Jane McPherson's home. Hostesses were Jane, Virginia Stack, Fern Ready, and Harriett Booth. Guests came from Olathe, Ooverland Park, and Leavenworth, Kans., as well as Kansas City. Many lovely and useful gifts were received—among which was a silverware set from Santana's family. Her brother, Leo Benedet, of Pittsburg, Kans., had, unknown to Santana, brought the gift to Kansas City a few days previously.

SOUTH DAKOTA . . .

Our new contributor from South Dakota is Marvin Marshall, printing instructor at the School for the Deaf at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and news for that state may be sent to him.

Everett Ruedebusch and Jerry Berke motored to St. Louis, Mo., to visit Everett's "dream Girl." While there they had a chance to see several major league baseball games.

The SDAD convention was held at Huron, being the first meeting since the war, and was well attended by the deaf of South Dakota. Presiding was Pres. James K. Laughlin, of Rapid City. At the close of the convention an election of new officers was held with the following results: Roman Berke of Sioux Falls, pres.; Kenneth Czerney, of Sioux Falls, v-pres.; Mrs. Ben Soukup (nee Eileen Rich), secy.; James K. Laughlin, treas. The 1952 convention will be held at Watertown.

The Ole Evans left Dell Rapids for a few days last August to visit Mrs. Evans' sister at Hutchinson, Minn. Ole attended the state fair at Minneapolis meanwhile.

The Joe Myklebust family left Sioux Falls last June when Joe obtained a job as a linotype operator at the Omaha *World-Herald*, since he was tired of the *Argus-Leader* in Sioux Falls. Since Joe's promotion they have been living in an apartment in Council Bluffs, Ia., but are on the lookout for a house for the sake of their little one, Joel.

Since Grant Daniels did not consider driving a car an enjoyment, he took his vacation by train and went to Akron, Council Bluffs, Omaha, and Denver. It has been said that the old man came home with more youth in him. Grant Daniels has been working for Morrell's Packing plant for over 37 years.

The Bob Ottens denounced that three is a crowd so they took Mrs. Krohn along with them on their vacation to Fort Randall to see the dam in construction.

The George Hamiltons entertained the mother of Mrs. Hamilton from New Jersey for two weeks.

The A. J. Krohns decided to kill two birds with one stone so they had their vacation in September while they took their son Waldemar to Madison, Wisc., where he entered the University of Wisconsin as a freshman. Leaving

Madison, the Krohns took their first long trip by car ('46 Dodge), going by the northern route through Minnesota and down south. They stopped overnight with the Maurice Potters at Windom, Minn. While in Delavan, Wisc., they stopped in to see the Charles Duicks.

Mrs. Herbert Sterns, who has spent nearly four years in treatment of tuberculosis at the state sanitarium at Hot Springs, S. D., was entertained with a surprise party given by some of her relatives.

A daughter, Lucille, and a daughter-in-law came to visit Mrs. Ella Baillie for a week in September. Mrs. Baillie and grandson Jackie spent part of the summer with Lucille in Indiana.

The Sam Tulios enjoyed themselves for a week in September. Mrs. Baillie during Sam's vacation.

Orville Rust and family, of Detroit, came to Sioux Falls to visit relatives in July.

Irene Schaefer decided the farm was too lonely so she obtained employment at the Blue Front Cleaners in Sioux Falls. She's having a whale of a good time in the city. Also working in Sioux Falls is Lavonne Tunender, at the Beatrice Creamery.

Photographer Edwin Roberts made use of the first week of his two weeks' vacation by taking a business trip to Wisconsin. The second week was spent at home with the children.

Ruth Bjerke decided to see the country outside of South Dakota by taking a motor trip to California with her

sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dalgaard, of Sherman, were at the Indiana convention last June. Their daughter and her children from New York are with them for an indefinite stay.

Guy Sylliaasen purchased a Plymouth and took the family to the Black Hills and to the SDAD convention.

The Raymond Dugaards had their belated honeymoon in September when they attended the convention at Huron. From there they journeyed to the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park, the Colorado Rockies, and returned home through Iowa where they stopped for a visit with relatives of the missus.

The Ortman brothers who have had training at the linotype school at English, Ind., are now working in Sioux Falls. The older, Luverne, left the shop at Bridgewater, S. D., and obtained employment at Midwest-Beach Co., as a linotype operator. The other, Leonard, is working at Brown & Saenger.

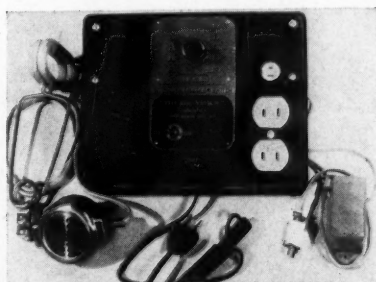
Mrs. Annie G. Olson and Miss Edith Ross were passengers in the Joe Serbold car when they went to Sioux City, Ia., for the IAD picnic.

The Chat and Nibble Club met September 16 to hold its annual election of officers. Results were: Roy Holcomb, press.; Charles Doering, v-pres.; Clarke Berke, secy.; Thelma Nelson, treas.; Mildred Burkard, custodian; Edwin Roberts and Gwen Otten were appointed by the board as chairmen of the committees and chairman of the gift givings, respectively.

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Silver Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willman entertained 42 friends at a dinner at Scully's Restaurant on Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., October 1, the occasion being Kenneth and Cecile's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The guests were highly entertained with amusing anecdotes of Kenneth's courtship of Cecile and listened attentively to interesting details of the 25 years that have transpired since Cecile capitulated to Kenneth's wooing. Willa Dudley declaimed "I Love You Truly" and Flo Stillman followed with "O Promise Me." Then, while the guests were making merry, the Willmans quietly slipped away, climbed into their waiting automobile, and began an extensive auto tour which took them north through Seattle and Spokane and thence into Canada. On the return trip they stopped over in Reno but it was merely to see the sights. Couples who have spent twenty-five happy years together don't go off to establish residence in a divorce town. At this writing, the Willman's are back home again starting another 25-year stretch.

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KANSAS . . .

Halloween parties were aplenty this year in Kansas. The Wichita Athletic Club entertained with a Halloween Party October 21. Thaine Smith donned as Frankenstein won first prize. Mary Ellen Williams of Olathe was in Wichita visiting friends and attended the party. The Frat Div. 75 held their party in a 4-H Club building in Hutchinson, claimed first prize, while Wilbur Ruge of Wichita was satisfied with second. The Olathe Club of the Deaf held their party October 31. Susie Koehn Ayers had her face made up like a cat and walked off with first prize. Second went to Stanley Ferguson.

Several Wichita deaf were present at the Frat Banquet in honor of Dr. Arthur Roberts in Kansas City, Mo., November 4. They felt it worthwhile to make the trip to see and hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brubaker, of Washington, D. C., drove to Kansas in their '51 Packard to spend their month's vacation with relatives and friends in Lyons, Baldwin, Topeka, and Kansas City. The Brubakers are former Topekans, and both now work at the Government Printing office. Mrs. Brubaker was the former Margaret Owens of the Kansas School.

Mrs. Clem Dillenschneider, of Kansas City, Mo., was called to Topeka upon the death of her mother. She spent a week in the old home town and the Brubakers, visiting in town, took her home to Kansas City November 4. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malm, of Topeka, along with the Brubakers, attended the Frat Banquet in Kansas City and returned home around midnight as there was the Brubaker family reunion in Topeka the next day.

William Marra, Mark Carter, June Rubeling and Evelyn Clingan were visitors at the John O'Connor farm near Blaine, Kans., November 5.

The Thomas Pratts, Adela Hill, Naomi Reading, and Mrs. Darrell Green, all of Wichita, were in Olathe November 9 to see KSD win in a football game with Louisburg High School. This was the first time the Pratts watched their oldest son play tackle on the KSD team. Influenza prevented Darrell Green from joining his wife in Olathe November 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Bartlesville, Okla., called on the George Harms of Wichita November 13. The Campbells had toured Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas, paying a visit to the deaf school at Olathe, which they had not seen for a number of years.

The deaf population in Wichita is still growing. Mrs. Stockton, of Joplin, Mo., now makes her home with a brother. Anna Strickland from Oklahoma City; Naomi Reading, of Pittsburg, Kans.; Neal Barker, of Olathe; Bruce Dierking, of Montezuma, Kans.; and Stanley Whitaker, of Great Bend, Kans., have secured employment in Wichita. The boys are on the basketball team and we're hoping to have a good team this year.

Andrew Hamant of Wichita is driving a '51 Kaiser; Tom Allen of Topeka has a '50 Oldsmobile 88; Bill Basham has decided he's done enough walking and purchased a '37 Oldsmobile.

Pheasant hunting is now over. Carl Munz, of Macksville bagged four while a few other deaf got either one or two.

A number of deaf from Olathe and Kansas City, Mo., spent November 19 quail hunting around Blaine, Kansas. Results are not known at this writing.

All Kansas news may be sent to Mina Munz at 203 South Osage, Wichita.

GEORGIA . . .

Back in 1941 the Dixie Deaf Bowling Association was disbanded due to the war. The Association has now been reorganized and on October 28 they played against the Jacksonville, Fla., bowlers with Atlanta winning all the events except the singles. Those attending the meet were entertained that evening at a dance and reception by the local club. Next year's tourney will also be held in Atlanta.

Through the efforts of Rev. John W. Stallings, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., the Cruselle-Freeman Mission of the Deaf has been most fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Robert Johnson as Pastor to the deaf church-goers of Atlanta. Bob, Gallaudet '50, gave his first sermon November 7, and made such a good impression upon the congregation that they have welcomed him with open arms. He will reside in Atlanta and plans to deliver sermons alternately at four state schools also.

An October highlight was the homecoming football game between Alabama and Tennessee, which took place in Knoxville and was attended by some 300 spectators. The game turned out a tie, 7-7, much to the disappointment of Leon B. Dickerson, Atlanta's most avid sports fan and SILENT WORKER reporter. Leon, incidentally, was the oldest alumnus attending the homecoming.

Evangelist Billy Graham is giving daily revivals in Atlanta for the next 6 weeks. Crowds of ten thousand or more attended each meeting and Graham has seats reserved for the deaf who attend his revivals.

Leon Dickerson visited briefly with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carr in Knoxville recently and marvelled at the beauty of the new Carr residence. The Carrs' were entertaining Miss Anne Puckett at the time of Leon's visit and he signed up both the Carrs and Miss Puckett as subscribers to *THE SILENT WORKER*. (If all agents went after subscriptions like Leon B. Dickerson, *THE SILENT WORKER* would find its way into the home of every deaf person in the land. —Ed.)

OHIO . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Lynn, of Knoxville, Tenn., were guests of the T. W. Osbornes and also of the Ben M. Schowes during their several weeks' stay in Akron. Several parties were tendered in their honor.

Mrs. John Hower met with an accident November 6 while in the process of cleaning her home. She accidentally knocked off the ceiling light fixture with her mop handle, resulting in the fixture falling and cutting her left cheek. If the broken glass had been a wee bit off its course, Mrs. Hower would have lost her left eye.

The deaf of Akron who were laid off last year have been recalled to their old jobs.

Mrs. Leo Frater motored with Mr. and Mrs. George Miller to Jacksonville, Ill., where she will stay with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kline for several months. The George Millers went on to St. Louis, Mo., for their vacation.

The Akron chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumnae Owls motored to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they were the guests of Mrs. Sam B. Craig and Mrs. Carmen Ludovico at a luncheon in the School for the Deaf. A good time was had by all, with the Akronites reaching home by midnight, October 20.

Members of the Women's division of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club were the sponsors of a turkey dinner at the club Saturday evening, November 11, which turned out to be one of the most successful of such events ever held, both financially and gastronomically. The turkey and trimmings were the kind grandma used to serve down on the farm and the girls greatly enjoyed the compliments heaped upon them for their excellent cooking. The



Saginaw Aux-Frat Division 3—Back row: F. Carr; Mrs. W. Minaker; Mrs. E. Walkowiak; Mrs. R. Deason; Mrs. A. Dundas; Mrs. F. Sundquist; Mrs. E. Petrie; Mrs. A. Sonsmith, Front row: Mrs. J. Lehtinen; Mrs. B. Tappen; Mrs. W. Wedding; Mrs. George Janicke; Mrs. George Vance; Mrs. F. Dunham; Mrs. R. Couer.

dinner was followed by an "Apron and Knick-Knack" bazaar and a nice profit was realized from that activity also, which added greatly to the girls' happiness at the success of their "day."

Ray Grayson was sort of "put out" because the Cameron M. E. Church held a similar affair the same evening and the ladies of the church are widely-known for their cooking ability. He regrets that the two affairs were held on conflicting dates because, otherwise, he could have enjoyed TWO turkey dinners.

By pre-arrangement, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weber of Columbus, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison in their new home in the Oakley section of Cincinnati over the weekend of November 4. Mrs. Wilkison had planned a small party in honor of the Webers but was herself greatly surprised when, instead of the few she had invited, a great crowd of friends streamed into the house, filling the place and overflowing into the back yard. Mrs. Helen Bender and Mrs. Fred O'Brien informed the surprised Wilkisons that they were all there to tender them a houswarming and presented the astonished couple with a generous purse from their gleeful well-wishers. Out-of-town guests, besides the Webers, were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mathers and Ernest Zell, of Richmond, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. McCreery and Mrs. C. Peterson of Dayton. Local guests were too numerous to mention here.

Suffering from poor health for some time, Mr. Wilkison has been confined to his home the past few weeks and his many friends are rooting for his rapid recovery.

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Saginaw Deaf Auxiliary Observes Anniversary

The Aux-Frats of Saginaw Division No. 3, N.F.S.D., Saginaw, Michigan, recently observed their first anniversary with a dinner at the IOOF Hall in Saginaw. The Aux-Frat Division of Saginaw was organized by Mrs. George Janicke, hearing wife of a deaf frater, and grew from seven members in December, 1949, to 23 members at present. Mrs. Janicke, president of the group, received a gift in recognition of her helpful spirit and her work with the Saginaw deaf.

The Auxiliary's history was given by Mrs. George H. Vance and a talk on the "Principles of NFSD" was given by Donovan C. Theaker, president of the Saginaw Frat division. Mrs. Fred Sunquist of Bay City read a poem, "Wonderful World," and sang "Rock of Ages" in clear and graceful signs.

Mrs. Harry M. Dundas gave the invocation, and the ceremony was closed with a candle lighting ceremony. Mrs. Janicke was Toastmistress, and Mrs. Marilyn Speers was chairman of the card games.

Serving on the kitchen committee were Mrs. Anthony W. Gorney, Mrs. John O. Lehtiner, and Mrs. Frank W. Dunham. Mrs. Roger L. Deason and Mrs. Alva W. Sonsmith were in charge of the dining room. Prize winners for the evening included Mrs. Bert A. Tappen, Mrs. Henry Ott, Mrs. Stanley Brusseau, and Mrs. Ernest H. Petrie.

Attending the party from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John Torch of Alpena, Mr. and Mrs. Brusseau of Bay City, Jerome Wesley of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Dorothy Scharrer of Chesaning.

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NEBRASKA...

For the 40th Anniversary Banquet of the Kansas City (Mo.) NFSD Div., No. 31, on November 4, James Jelinek, President of Omaha Div., No. 32, went in the role of "ambassador of good will," and was accompanied by Mrs. Jelinek, President of the Omaha Aux-Frats, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hruza. Mr. Jelinek came back reporting a grand time at the banquet, and Mrs. Jelinek, always interested in the feminine side of everything, told everybody in Omaha how big the K. C. Aux-Frats was, having 61 members.

By the way, the Omaha Division is going into its 40th year and, of course, there must be something big and fancy to celebrate it with, like a banquet or a ball. As everyone knows, such an affair is never complete without the presence of our good old President Roberts, so we are going to do everything we can think of, even to the extent of moving heaven and earth to get Dr. Roberts on the program. In the meantime we are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping for the best.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullin of Omaha, were in Oklahoma City over the Labor Day week-end as guests of the George Revers, formerly of Omaha and Council Bluffs. Mrs. Hilda Anthony went along with the Mullins, keeping

them company and taking her turn at the wheel. They returned two days later than planned, and for a long while were raving about the beauty and splendor of Oklahoma City, and yes, they had a most wonderful time with the Revers.

The Hill Haven, a country barn 15 miles outside Omaha, was the scene of a barn dance sponsored by the Omaha Club of the Deaf, October 21, with the Charles Falks, co-chairmen, running everything with the utmost precision from start to end, with the result a big success. The barn loft was used for dancing with music from a phonograph-player, and the lower floor was for relaxation with a big refreshment stand as the most popular spot and seeming to do a land-office business. Some out-of-towners were present, among whom we found the Gerald Badmans of DeWitt, Nebr., and the Joe Kalinas of Friend, Nebr.

Harry Eckstrom, the "Don Juan" of the younger set of the local deaf, went to Chicago one day in October for the umpteenth time, and a week later came back to Omaha. He drove his new Mercury sedan all the way and literally hurried back home, making the return trip in just seven and a half hours, which is a little better than the time for the fastest streamliner train between Chicago and Omaha. And it was at night, all by himself. Know of anyone who can duplicate this driving feat of Harry's?

The Omaha Club of the Deaf has

Long Beach Deaf Girl Is Queen of Mat Fans

Ringsiders' nominee for Long Beach's most fervent wrestling fans is Miss Otis Rae Powell, inspector at Bayly's over-all factory and a member of United Garment Workers Local 56.



Miss Powell, very popular with her associates and known as "Slim" to most of them, is a regular weekly "ring-sider" at the wrestling matches in Municipal Auditorium and her face has become familiar also to television fans everywhere because her energetic kibitzing is as closely followed by the television lens as that of the gladiators themselves.

"Slim" is deaf but has won the admiration of everyone who knows her. She is a happy-go-lucky person who does not allow her handicap to interfere with her enjoyment of life. She occupies a unique place in the esteem of the professional grapplers who have become "fans" and followers of hers

just as much as she is a fan of theirs.

Baron Leone presented Slim with an autographed photo one recent evening and it is one of her most prized possessions. So is the orchid lei which Georgeous George gave her just a week ago and which she wore to work the following day.

Slim is an active worker for the deaf population of Long Beach, a former member of the Board of Managers of the Long Beach Club of the Deaf and, according to Club President, Mrs. John Fail, is rated as an indispensable member of the organization which meets each Saturday at the Town Hall. She is also a very good kegler, having participated in numerous league meets at the Boulevard Bowling Alley and is currently devoting her time to organizing a team composed of deaf bowlers which will include herself, Geraldine Fail, John Fail, and Frank Sladek, all of Long Beach. The team will be sponsored by the Long Beach Club of the Deaf.—*Long Beach Press Telegram, Nov. 3, 1950.*

Meeting of the Santa Fe, New Mexico, chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, with Boyce R. Williams, alumni president, of Washington, D. C., a visitor. First row l. to r.: Robert Clingenpeel; Marvin Wolach. Second row: Mary Sladek; Dale Jones; Florence Dillon; Mae Valdes; Irene Clingenpeel. Third row: Jessie Hankins; Marilyn Wilkinson; Miriam Adams; Alice Lusk. Fourth row: Godfrey Adams; Frank Pucetti; Donald Wilkinson; Thomas Dillon; Boyce Williams. Members missing from the picture are: Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Ridings; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wukadinovich; Don Bradford; and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Hester.

made up a pretty good schedule of basketball games for the coming season, and their team is showing signs of championship calibre. Their close teamwork is something to marvel at. The boys, all in their late teens and early twenties, are Knobbe, a 6'2" fellow; Spatz, a sure shooter; Holub, small but fast; Art and Garrett Nelson, brothers but endearingly called the Nelson twins; Bill and Dick Bailey, another set of brothers and likewise called the Bailey twins; and Earl Loftus and Kenneth Longmore, the last two just starting.

The basketball schedule is: Nov. 25 at Des Moines; Dec. 2 at Council Bluffs; Dec. 16 at Sioux Falls, S. D.; Dec. 30 at Omaha with Des Moines; Jan. 13 at Omaha with Kansas City, Mo.; Jan. 20 at Omaha with Sioux Falls, S. D.; Feb. 3 at Omaha with Council Bluffs; Feb. 10 at Kansas City; Feb. 24-25, MAAD Tournament at Des Moines. We have yet to hear from Wichita for filling in the open dates and we have an offer from Denver, Colo., for a game on Jan. 27. Nick Petersen is the coach of the OCD team with Norbert Knobbe assistant coach; and Thomas R. Peterson is the business manager.

Thomas R. Peterson and Dolly Flood, both of Omaha, journeyed 500 miles to Chadron, Nebr., out in the northwest corner of the state and said their "I do's" before a county judge, and went on up to the Black Hills of South Dakota for a brief honeymoon, all within three days over the last week-end of October. They made the entire trip by car, and as Tom remarked, it was a dusty trip throughout with such

a high wind blowing dirt, thus making a dusty wedding and a dusty honeymoon, and all in all, a dusty time. The Petersons are now living in an apartment right in the heart of Omaha.

We are to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peterson on their marriage, with the best of everything going to them. Our readers will please note that Mr. Peterson's new address is 2037 Harney Street, Apt. 6, Omaha, Nebr., and any news of Nebraska should be sent to him.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Runde were invited to attend the Grand Ball honoring the Golden Jubilee of the Palace Hotel of San Francisco on October 20. The owner of the hotel invited the Rundes because Frances' parents lived at the hotel at the time her father passed away in 1886. When the Rundes were wed in 1904, they spent their honeymoon at the hotel also. The Palace was built in 1875 and is an old landmark in San Francisco. Many of the people present on October 20 were people who had patronized the hotel down the years, people who recalled vividly the days of the horse-drawn cars and the momentous advent of the cable cars.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Osborne and daughter were the house guests of the George Hall Whitworths in San Mateo during the past autumn. The Osbornes were on a motor trip from their native Ohio.

San Franciscans who took vacations during the past autumn were Bernice and Alva Reneau, the Sheldon McArtors, and the Fred Buenzles. Bernice

and Alva drove down to visit the folks in Redlands, Calif., stopping over for a short visit in Death Valley, while the McArtors and the Buenzles motored through Portland and Seattle and on into British Columbia, stopping to visit friends on the way.

Iva Smallidge is recovering from an operation and at this writing is home from the hospital grumbling at the inactivity. Iva, given to hunting and fishing trips and ready to join in almost any activity, finds being flat on her back a rather novel experience, though we are inclined to think that she needs and should enjoy the enforced rest.

The Long Beach Club of the Deaf has formed a bowling team composed of Frank Sladek, John Fail, Otis Rae Powell, and Geraldine Fail. The four are among Long Beach's best and have bowled consistently for the past year. Otis Rae is a veteran of many league tourneys while Jerry, John, and Frank are still novices at the game.

While on the subject of the Long Beach Club, let us tell you about the Stage Show presented by that group in the Long Beach Town Hall Theatre November 18. The program presented that evening will go down in history as about the best entertainment yet given by a club on the west coast and we are certainly not exaggerating. The Calendar Girls, a pantomime representing the 12 months of the year and pattered after the famous Varga Girl calendar took top honors while The Match of the Century," featuring Herman Skedsmo as Baron Leone and Charles Lamberton as Gorgeous George, brought screams of merriment

during the fifteen minutes of its duration. Show lasted two full hours and held the rapt attention of over 200 spectators from start to finish. The two clowns, Tall Timber and Half Pint, were the hit of the evening with their amusing antics. Taking the part of the clowns were John Fail and Wesley Lauritzen. The Chairman, Geraldine Fail, opened the play with a song, "Hello Everybody, Glad To See You Here," and closed it with "Now Good-bye." She was ably assisted by a committee composed of Jay Grider, Frank Sladek, Fred McGuire, Ernest and Helen Holmes, Betty and Ian Robertson, Joe and Cora Park, Virgil and Ellen Grimes, and Vic Cookson. The whole thing was so successful that Long Beach is planning another production for this coming Spring.

Frank and Elberta Davis are the latest to acquire a television set, a Hoffman Console with 16" screen. Frank is working out in Muroc and the new TV helps Elberta pass the time while Frank is away during the week.

San Diego's Charlotte Pringle is still confined to her bed following a major operation some weeks ago. Husband Clayton, retired naval officer, is busy making a "go" of the Shell service station he purchased out on Federal Blvd. almost a year ago.

Mrs. Wilbur Gledhill, Mrs. Wm. Lloyd, and Nora Simpson entertained some 45 guests at the new home of the Edward Peteks in National City, a suburb of San Diego, on October 29. Everyone enjoyed the housewarming and complimented the Peteks on the new domicile.



Left: A Queen is Crowned—Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of Maryland School for the Deaf, places a crown upon the head of Miss Joanna Sturgis, of Baltimore, selected "Miss Maryland State School for the Deaf" at the fifteenth quadriennial reunion of the school alumni association. Mrs. Charles Knowles, of Baltimore, assisted in the crowning ceremonies.

Right: Superintendent Grooms Alumnus—Dr. Bjorlee greets Frank N. Martin, 86-year-old Chicagoan, who made the trip to Frederick, Md., alone, to attend the reunion. Mr. Martin entered the Maryland School in 1870, when it was housed in the old Revolutionary War Barracks.



Mr. and Mrs. Willard Foster have put their home up for sale and expect to move to Chicago, Ill., as soon as the place is sold. Willard has a new job waiting for him in Chicago. San Diego will be sorry to see the Fosters leave.

James B. Lloyd sends us additional news of San Diego which informs us that Rufus Brantly has bought a 28-foot fishing boat and is outfitting it in hopes of trapping lobsters before the current season closes in March; the Delmar Cosgroves have acquired a '50 Chev. sedan and the J. Vaughns have a light blue '51 Studebaker 2-door sedan. They are the envy of all their friends.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Blankenship will be happy to learn that Buddy has at last received his union card from the International Typographical Union and is now employed in Redondo Beach, whilst Mrs. Blankenship is working as a typesetter at the San Diego Union in San Diego, working nights.

Mrs. Nellie Hodgman was honoree at a birthday party, her 70th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen Boyd, in Manhattan Beach November 4. A smorgasbord dinner was enjoyed and five tables of 500 kept the ladies amused until Nellie began to open the huge stack of gifts which were many and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Harshman celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary quietly at their home, 1343 S. LaVerne Ave., Los Angeles, on November 2. Omar proudly admits to the grand old age of 79, while Mrs. Harshman is only 80. The evident happiness of the Harshmans makes us hope we live at least to be 100 so that we too can boast of such a long and congenial wedded life.

NEW MEXICO . . .

Nimrods Thomas Dillon, Le Roy Ridings, Don Bradford, Godfrey Adams, Bob Clingenpeel, and Ubaldo Gurule, are at it again this season. They went off on a deer hunt November 11, but returned with usual tale of woe; no deer. They manager to have a good time anyhow and Le Roy is still talking about the buck he shot and wounded slightly. However, the buck got away and Le Roy says he is going after him again very soon.

After a long, long period of waiting and hoping, Mike and Elodie Wukadinovich have finally received that brand new Studebaker, a 1951 model, and are they proud? Their friends, too, are just as happy for the young couple.

November 1, Terecita Lopez and her cousin, who was driving, were involved in an auto accident which resulted in a

scalp wound for Terecita and which required quite a bit of plain and fancy stitching. The accident occurred in Albuquerque and we are glad to report that Terecita is mending rapidly and that the accident involved no more serious injuries.

The mother of Thomas Dillon is recuperating from a recent operation in Albuquerque. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon drove down to see her November 15, and remained until she was out of danger.

Supt. and Mrs. E. A. Stevenson, Berkeley, Calif., spent almost a week here in Santa Fe as the guests of Supt. and Mrs. Marshall Hester at the New Mexico school. They arrived in time to spend Thanksgiving at the school and on November 21, the whole school faculty were bidden to tea at the Hester residence in honor of the Stevensons.

Revisiting their Alma Mater on November 19 were Lucy Perea and Eugenia Selva, who graduated from the school here in 1948. They were entertained by Luisita Vigil, an alumnus of New Mexico and a resident of Santa Fe.

It is cold these days and most of us like nothing better than curling up with a book before our fireside whenever we have the liesure. But not so those hardy people, Alice Lusk, Dale Jones, Mary Sladek, and Supt. Hester. On November 5, the five of them set out on a mountain-climbing expedition, much to the admiration of the less energetic members of the school faculty.

Cincinnati Auto Club in Annual Outing

Once again the Cincinnati Auto Club of the Deaf was favored with ideal weather for its annual outing held at the Clifty Falls State Park, near Madison, Ind., on Sunday, November 5. Most of the previous week had been so rainy and damp that members of the club were beginning to worry at the possibility of holding the outing as scheduled. But again the weather gods smiled on the club, for the big morning dawned clear and crisp, cool enough to be invigorating and to make the 70 miles drive to the park a pleasure.

This was the third annual excursion to this park made by the club, with increased attendance for every year. Members have enjoyed the excursions so much that their advertising of the event has led to a greatly increased enrollment in the auto club since only members are eligible to go. Sixty at first indicated their desire to go, but for various reasons a number had to forego the fun, so 38 actually made the trip. The inn at the park is justifiably famed for its excellent meals at reasonable prices, which includes all the vegetables and piping hot rolls you can eat, and a number of the younger members of the club, with hearty appe-

tites, were seen to fill their plates several times.

Following the dinner, a short meeting of the club was held in the lounge of the inn so that Helen Healey, the senior Cincinnati regional director of the Ohio Deaf Motorists' Association, and Ray Grayson, the executive secretary, could give a report on the happenings at the annual meeting of the association held in Columbus several weeks previously. With the brief meeting over, all members piled into their cars and drove to the other end of the park for a visit to the falls, some short hikes and picture taking.

Late in the afternoon the members started homeward after a very satisfactory and pleasant outing. All arrived home safely, but not before Larry Vogelpohl, president of the auto club, had an adventure. Bowling along the smooth highway, his engine suddenly broke a connecting rod which chewed up the engine beyond repair. He was fortunately travelling in company with Hilbert Duning, who was able to get assistance for him and then, after the car had been towed to a garage, take Larry, his wife and guests home in his car, none the worse from the adventure.—RAY GRAYSON.

OREGON . . .

Portland's Frat Auxiliary staged a dinner and formal dance October 14 in celebration of its 30th anniversary. The dinner took place at the Heathman Hotel during which corsages and membership cards were presented eight charter members: Mesdames Reichle, Linde, Cooke, Lunch, Eden, Spieler, and Craven. The dance was held in the rooms of the Rose City Club of the Deaf, where Freddy Keller's orchestra provided the music. A marvelous floor show was staged by Bill Fritch, Harold Skalicky, Durwood Tatreau, and Willie Van Roekel, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Frank Amann, and Mrs. Ray Hummel. The Committee responsible for the successful evening included Gloria Skalicky, Marjorie Fritch, Louise Van Roekel, Helen Drake, and Marie Eggers. They did a wonderful job, too.

On October 15, Mr. Gale Adams and two other men companions went hunting with the owner of a large ranch near Lorane. Suddenly Gale was observed waving his red cap frantically and upon investigation it was found that he had been shot twice in the

right leg, each shot fracturing a bone. A doctor administered morphine, after which Gale was sent to a hospital. Surgery, several blood transfusions, and skin grafting seem to have saved his leg and no one yet has determined how he happened to be injured. His own gun and those of his companions had not been fired. A car containing some other hunters was seen to leave the vicinity just after the shooting. Gale's wife, Jean, is searching for employment so that she can be near him during his stay in the hospital.

The Deaf Lutheran Church of Salem held its first Bazaar November 17 and latest reports are that it was a tremendous success. Those in charge of the event were: Mrs. Chester La Fave, Mrs. Clara Lauby, Mrs. George Hill, the mother of Mrs. La Fave and the sister of Mrs. Lauby.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood of San Francisco drove up to Salem to visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lange, and to view the cozy new house the Langes have completed and moved into. Mrs. Lange and the baby returned with them to San Francisco for a two-weeks' stay.

The Salem Chapter of the O.A.D. held its first canasta Party November 18 and it turned out to be most enjoyable with many of the members learning the game for the first time. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Chester La Fave.

The Northwest Chapter of the GCAA held its annual business meeting in Portland November 11, with John O'Brien presiding. Results of the elections for '51 are: Joe Stotts, president; Oliver Kastel, vice-president; Mabel Armstrong, secretary-treasurer; and John O'Brien, liaison officer. Spokane was selected as the site of the banquet to be held next spring.

ARIZONA . . .

Edna Nesteruk and her husband Joe, spent part of his recent 25-day furlough visiting Edna's sisters here in Phoenix, Angelia Watson and Babette Krayeski. Edna's daughter, Penny, has turned down a movie contract from Hollywood's RKO studio and has wed the son of a prominent Chicago family.

Death claimed Mrs. Mary Dobbs on October 18. Mrs. Dobbs had spent many, many years in Phoenix and was well known among the deaf here, whom she befriended all her life. She leaves a void in the hearts of all of us and her going deprives us of a true and understanding friend.

Phoenix bade a regretful farewell not long ago to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, who moved to Pasadena, Calif. The grass is

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Here are the Oakland Silents in San Quentin. Standing, l. to r.: Bob Guerre, coach; Fay Heffington; Argo Lardinelli; Jerry Mullenix; Harry M. Jacobs, manager; Kneeling: Don Wong; Angelo Skropeta; Theobaldo Ruffa, and James Larnier.—Photo by an inmate.

Kannapell Ahead in Chess Tourney

Over a year ago the first national tournament for the deaf started and it is still going on. Some of the games have been completed and many are soon to be concluded. According to the tournament director, J. W. Stevenson, the results so far are:

In Section One Felix Kowalewski and Mrs. Einer Rosenkjar withdrew and forfeited all games. Robert H. Kannapell won two games from Vern Bruner, and won one from Stevenson for a total of 7 wins, no losses. Emil Ladner won two from Bruner; two from Robert Skinner, and one from Stevenson, for a nine and none record. Stevenson won two from Bruner for a record of six wins and two losses. Skinner has a four and two record.

In Section Two Edgar Bloom withdrew and resigned all games. Kannapell won one game from Stevenson, and one from E. Rosenkjar (4-0). Ladner won two by forfeit from Bloom (2-0). Michael Cohen defeated Stevenson (3-0). W. E. Dunn won over Rosenkjar and split with Stevenson (4-1). Stevenson's record is three victories and three defeats.

From comments of players, it seems that Kannapell is the favorite to become the champion. Section Two is loaded with the strongest players and the winner of this section will be a real good champion. If there are two winners in the different sections, they will play off for the championship.

Oakland Club Team in San Quentin

Members of the Oakland, California, basketball team representing the East Bay Club for the Deaf enjoyed an unusual experience on November 15 when they played the San Quentin penitentiary quint within the prison walls.

They found the San Quentin "All-Stars" a fast-stepping five, and the two teams played a hair-raising game, with San Quentin edging out the Oakland cagers in the final seconds, 71 to 67. San Quentin maintained a lead throughout the game, but the Oaklanders tied the count in the last quarter and it was anybody's game.

Oakland is scheduled to meet San Quentin again in January but not many of the team's supporters will be able to witness what promises to be another exciting game. Visitors accompanying the team are limited to a small number, counted, frisked, and earmarked, both going in and coming out.

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always greener just beyond and it is a standing bet amongst Phoenix residents that the Roberts will be back to Phoenix before very long. Out in California you forget what the sun looks like, the smog is so bad. (Page the Los Angeles C. of C.—Ed.)

Nita Zwiibel writes that she is enjoying herself at Gallaudet, where she is a sophomore. Dolores Ramirez is also attending Gallaudet this year as a freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore are mighty busy people these days. They are grandparents of twin daughters and everyone at the Moore residence is kept busy feeding the babies and changing diapers.

Earl Stevens, Michael Lapides, and Angelia Watson drove to Tucson November 11 to take in the big football game between the University of Arizona and Arizona State College. The following day, the Arizona Chapter of Gallaudet College Alumni Assn. met to elect officers for the following year. Results were: Earl Rogerson, president; Edward Tillinghast, vice-president; Francis Kuntz, secretary-treasurer; Earl Stevens, liaison officer.

UTAH...

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perkin and their young sons have moved to Delta, Utah, where Loyd hopes to establish a shoe repairing business of his own. They announce the purchase of a brand new '50 Ford car, and their friends are hoping they will be happy and successful in Delta.

Visitors during the autumn were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Richardson, who live in Lynwood, a suburb of Los Angeles, Calif. They stopped over in Ogden during their two weeks' vacation tour of Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado and Utah and were happily welcomed by all their old friends.

The Walter Zabels were also among those taking late vacations, visiting in Nevada, New Mexico, and taking in Hoover Dam, Mesa Verde National Park, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and viewing the mysteries of Arizona's Petrified Forest. The trip covered almost 3 thousand miles and was made most enjoyable because of the Zabels' new Nash '50. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wolfe of Sahara Village, Utah.

Although it is a bit late, we would like to tell you about the lovely farewell party tendered Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogerson, who left Ogden in September for Tucson, Arizona, where Earl took over his duties at the Arizona

school. The party took place in August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Wheeler and refreshments were served during the evening outside in the Wheeler patio. It was a wonderfully clear night and the stars overhead shone so brightly that they seemed to be within reaching distance. There is something about a party held beneath the light of western stars, it lends a romantic setting to almost any gathering and the Rogerson farewell party was no exception. Everyone regretted seeing the popular young Rogersons

depart but wish them every happiness in Tucson. Guests, besides the host and hostess and the Rogersons, included the Laramies and Welchs of Salt Lake City, and the Gogas, Sandersons, Jensens, and Burdetts of Ogden.

A week after the Wheeler party, the Ladies Sewing Club of Ogden held another party for the departing Rogersons at the home of Mrs. Jensen with Mrs. Penman and Mrs. Burdett doing the honors. The guests of honor were presented with a lovely pair of Chinese vases.

Vital Statistics . . .

Information regarding vital statistics should be sent to Mrs. Richard J. Jones, 1420 East 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chandler, Silver Springs, Md., Oct. 20, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 16, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herron, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 26, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 13, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rieper, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 19, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Higgins, Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 2, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Coppola, Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 3, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keadle, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 3, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maertz, Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 4, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hren, Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 21, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fishbein, Newark, N. J., Nov. 9, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brock, Olathe, Kan., Oct. 1, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, Hutchinson, Kan., Nov. 9, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Harris Johnson, Gregory, S. D., a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Friedman, Chicago, Nov. 15, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brekke, Portland, Ore., Oct. 16, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tulloch, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. John Torrez, Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 14, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. William FitzPatrick, New York, Oct. 6, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Brand, New York, Oct. 5, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. William Binn, Sparta, Wis., Nov. 11, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Boxer, Hollywood, Oct. 14, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. John Baynes, Minnesota, Nov. 5, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Howie Johnson, Minnesota, Nov. 6, a boy.

MARRIAGES:

Carl F. Mirus and Edna May McGray, New Orleans, La., Oct. 28.
Robert Bledsoe, Jr., and Elsie Lavay Little, Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 29.
Letch Frisbee and Juanita Turbyfill, Asheville, N. C., Oct. 16.
Harold Chauncey, Johnson City, N. Y., and Catherine Barr, Old Forge, Pa., Oct. 5.
Arthur Petzgold, Lawrence, Mass., and Pearl Renaud, Lowell, Mass., Oct. 7.
Albert J. Swanson and Mary Albrecht,

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 7.
Robert Zuber and Betty Farinola, Elmsford, N. Y., Oct. 7.
Dean Cosner, Gillette, Wyo., and Iola Price, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.
William O'Dell and Nina Welch, Portland, Ore., Oct. 14.
Joe C. Looney, Anderson, S. C., and Miriam M. Elvington, Lake View, S. C., Oct. 15.
William LeRoy Luther and Catherine Sheehan, Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 4.
Thomas R. Peterson and Dolly Flood, Omaha, Neb., October.
Dominick Mareiario and Marie Salamone, New York, Nov. 19.
Willis J. Surlis and Reba Parker, New York, Nov. 25.
William Martin and Shirley Savage, both of Vancouver School, Nov. 18.
Frank Gulliams and Margaret Sturdivant, Virginia, Nov. 18.
James Alsip and Mary Brewer, St. Louis, Nov. 4.
Jack Craven and Ruth Block, St. Louis, Nov. 11.
Louis Manio and Joan Leemy, New York, Oct. 7.
Alton Peterson and Waunita Gertscher, Oregon, Oct. 21.
Harold C. Harris, Oakland, Calif., and Hazel Day, Austin, Texas.

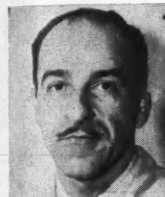
DEATHS:

Miss Winifred L. Pincott, retired former teacher in Beverly, Lexington, and Austine schools, Oct. 28.
Miss Mattie Rozzelle, 67, Charlotte, N. C. Oct. 12.
William F. Long, 77, Brooklyn, N. Y. Oct. 17.
Joseph J. Grady, 65, Waterbury, Conn. Oct. 7.
George F. Grimm, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sept. 26.
Anthony Nogosek, Berkeley, Calif. Nov. 5.
Omer E. Flagg, Indianapolis, Ind. Oct. 9.
Curtis P. Smoak, Columbia, S. C. Oct. 5.
John R. Lynch, 81, Philadelphia, Pa. Oct. 10.
Rudolph W. Tillman, Chicago, Ill. Oct. 16.
Samuel E. Bliss, 78, Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 9.
Herbert C. Volf, Columbus, Ohio. Nov. 25.
Fred Rapp, 79, Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 26.
Mrs. Asa Stutsman, 78, Illinois.
Errol Warren, 63, Winterset, Iowa, Oct. 1.
Jack Donovan, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 20. Auto accident.
Lawrence T. Gerrety, 64, Ashtabula, Ohio, Oct. 14.
Richard Beer, 35, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 4. "Hit-run" victim.
Mrs. Judith Hoberg Henry, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 23.

The National Film Library For The Deaf

By EMERSON ROMERO

WITH THE COMING of the new year, The National Film Library will enter its 4th year of operation. Starting on a shoestring it now has five complete programs of 16mm sound films with subtitles and is unique in that it is the only film library of its kind in the world.



EMERSON ROMERO

The talking films deprived the deaf of much of the benefits and enjoyment they formerly obtained from the old silent films. It has been over 24 years since the first talking film came into being and in the interim, the deaf have had to be content with old silent films or none at all.

It is a well-known fact that in the days before the talkies, the deaf were perhaps the most ardent movie fans in the country. It was one way they could obtain much enjoyment, information and education. Of course, they had the benefit of the subtitles which were then a very important part of the films. Without the subtitles, it would have been impossible to understand just what the story was all about.

The same thing can be said of the talkies today. Without subtitles the films are just a series of actors coming on the screen and talking, talking, talking, with very little action. Only the westerns and outdoor films of today have action, but without having an idea of what the story is all about, the deaf lose what interest they should have otherwise.

The talking films are shown in the schools and clubs of the deaf throughout the country for the simple reason that they have nothing else to show. It is a sad fact that very few, if any, deaf really obtain the full benefits of the many fine educational, historical or classical films now on the market.

The National Film Library was established to enable the deaf to derive the full benefits from the films of today by the simple process of inserting the necessary subtitles. It must be borne in mind that the talking films today are called talkies because the actors do more talking than acting. In the old days, the plot was largely based on the action, not the dialogue. Today the situation is reversed. The story usually revolves around the dialogue. If any deaf had the misfortune to witness "Command Performance," with

Clark Gable, he will get an idea of what we mean. This was a fine dramatic film, forceful and full of suspense, but the whole plot revolved around a bunch of Army officers and their talk and the off-stage sound effects. There was hardly any action at all. This was originally a stage play made into a movie, and anyone knows most stage plays are just a lot of talking and nothing else.

The work of inserting the subtitles onto the films is really a simple matter but entails a lot of tedious work which must be done with great care. To begin with, a 16mm. sound film is previewed by the director of the library prior to its purchase. If the film has enough action to be entertaining and has a minimum of dialogue, it will probably be the type of film which should appeal to the deaf of all ages. It is not an easy matter to select the perfect film for the deaf because tastes vary. Some like westerns, some don't. Others prefer romantic films while some don't care for this. Society films are preferred by the people living in large cities but the small town folk don't care for them. And so it goes. The best way for the library to operate is to have a variety of films in its portfolio from which the various types of audiences can make its selections.

Once a film is purchased by the library, a copy of the dialogue script is obtained from the producers. This script contains every line spoken by each actor. The library runs the film in its projection room several times to enable the film cutter to become familiar with the action. It also affords the film editor the opportunity to eliminate all unnecessary dialogue so as to bring the number of subtitles down to a minimum.

The script is then turned over to the printing department where the subtitles are printed on cards 7" by 9" in size using a 30-point boldface type. In many cases, the wording of the subtitles is changed to the more simple words in order that the younger school children will be able to understand them. It must be kept in mind that children in the primary grades will view the film. Also many words such as "Yeah" are changed to "Yes" and "gonna" is changed to "going to." In one western film which the library has, one of the western characters said, "I ain't gonna tool this six-up into town." Even the adult deaf may not understand the lingo of the west, so to be on

the safe side, the library changes this to correct English as follows, "I won't drive this six-horse coach into town."

After the cards have been printed they are sent to a laboratory to be photographed on 16mm. film. Some feature films will have as many as 500 subtitles because of the fact that there is so much talking. But without the subtitles the story cannot be understood. It is also important to have the subtitles flashed on the screen long enough for even the slowest readers to read every word. This is done by counting the number of words in the subtitle and allowing one second when the subtitle is flashed on the screen and one second for every two words on the subtitle.

When the film bearing the subtitles is returned to the library, the work on splicing and inserting the subtitles in the right places is next in order. The film cutter passes the sound film through a small viewer where he is able to see the action and when an actor starts to speak his lines. He sees where the actor mouths the first few words and then makes his first cut in the film. The film with the subtitle is spliced in this place. The cutter then eliminates all the part where the actor is talking except for the last word mouthed, where he makes his second cut. Here he splices the tail end of the subtitle. This means that for each subtitle two splices are made. In other words, if a film has 500 subtitles, there will be 1,000 splices. It takes about a full 8-hour day to subtitle a 400-foot reel or about a full week to splice the entire feature film.

After this is done—and the splicing must be done with great care—the film is run through a solution to clean it and remove all finger prints which can be harmful to the film. It is then run through a projector and screened and any errors corrected. It is then ready for release.

During the three years of existence of the National Film Library it has received approximately 68 bookings of its three feature films from schools and clubs throughout the country. These films were greatly enjoyed by all who viewed them for the simple reason that they could be understood. A recent exhibitor wrote: "The film was very good and all those who saw it enjoyed it immensely. The subtitles helped them to understand the entire picture."

With the old silent pictures going out of circulation, except for a very few, a time will come when the deaf will have nothing in the way of films except talkies. The only way these talkies can be made understandable is by the simple process of inserting subtitles.

The Silent Worker Presents . . .

Fifteen Greatest Deaf Cagers of Past Half Century

Nathaniel Echols, Buffalo Negro Star, Voted Greatest Player

By ART KRUGER

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO he was just the first colored player to take part in the Eastern Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament.

Today Nathaniel Echols was named the greatest deaf basketball player of the last fifty years by THE SILENT WORKER Selection Board composed of twenty-three members participating in the mid-century poll.



ART KRUGER

It is significant that it seems hardly necessary to identify Echols

as the former St. Mary's School for the Deaf star now with the Buffalo Club of the Deaf. He has developed to the point where he is called by many "Mr. Deaf Basketball."

Nathaniel Echols is a colored flash with legs that seem to be attached to bed springs. He seems to be all over the floor at the same time and for speed there are few players that can beat him. During his younger days he probably set a record by playing for four different teams in one season, and sometimes playing four nights a week. He has always been the spark-plug of his squad and although a good showman he isn't inclined to be swell-headed.

In his letter to us, John Rybak, athletic director of the St. Mary's school, has the following to say about Echols:

"It is indeed 'great news' that you sent me about Nathaniel Echols. The first thought that struck me was 'how could it be anyone else?' His selection will undoubtedly be suitable to all who have watched his play.

"Nate was a great all around player, offensively and defensively. His leadership on the court was superb. My first experience with Nate was my first year with the deaf, way back in 1935. I remember my first practice session as if it happened yesterday. Of course I was excited, but my excitement was trivial

in comparison to the waves which seemed to emit from the student body who were watching that first practice. I could not understand it until some time later when one of the supervisors told me that all the boys were anxious to hear and see my reactions to Nathaniel's basketball ability. I was fresh from Canisius College basketball stardom, and Nate's ability was extraordinary. For the three years that he played under me at St. Mary's, he distinguished himself as a sensational player. Opposing coaches marveled at this display of speed and stamina which he showed at every game. His name was well known throughout the city of Buffalo basketball circles. His smiling personality, even in a close game, was a sight to behold.

"I cannot give you actual statistics as to the number of points he scored in a season but his average was around 10 a game. In those days that meant the equivalent of what 20 is today. He was chosen on the 'All Stars' team at the Eastern Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament at New Jersey in 1937, our first year in the tournament. Unfortunately, Nate decided to take a job which was offered to him in 1938 and that terminated his school athletic activities. We felt his loss deeply for quite some

time. He was very popular here with everyone. I have always felt that with three more years of scholastic competition he would have received scholarships to college."

Alfred J. Hoffmeister, who coached the Buffalo club to the first AAAD National Basketball Tournament championship and now an athletic coach at the Central New York School for the Deaf, Rome, N. Y., has this to say about Echols:

"Your selection of Echols as the all-time great deaf basketball player was well made. Having seen quite a bit of basketball and basketball players in my time I'll concede that I haven't run into anyone better than Echols. There have, at times, cropped up fellows who might at the moment look better than your

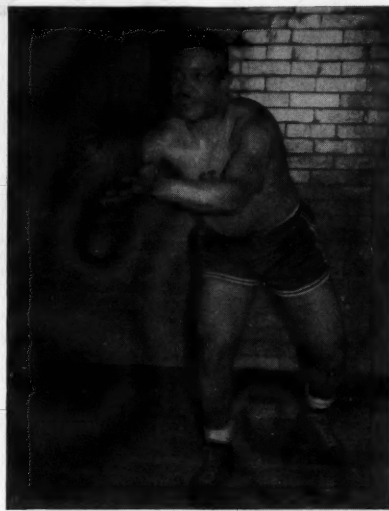
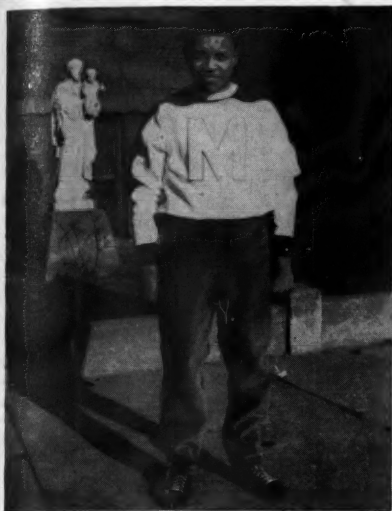
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Mr. Deaf Basketball and Family—Nathaniel Echols, named in SW poll as greatest deaf basketball player of the last 50 years, poses with wife, Grace, and daughter, Beverly Barbara, 5 years old.



Past and Present—Nat Echols is shown at left as he was in 1937 when he became the first colored player to take part in the Eastern Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament, and at right as he looks today. Nat is endowed with rare basketball sense, speed, accuracy, and expert floor work. He was responsible for two AAAD titles and the invitation tournament in New York City the year before AAAD was born.

selection but that was just for the time being. Echols has never been the proverbial 'flash-in-the-pan.' He has been consistently good over the long number of years as a player. Possessed of 'athletic brains,' Echols has shown his ability time and again to come through when the going was tough. Take the first AAAD tourney in Akron in 1945, when Buffalo took the championship out of the local's arms in the dying seconds of the last game. That was good generalship. It was Echols' coolness and confidence that pulled that game out of the fire.

"Besides skill and leadership, Echols has a good knowledge of the game, both via the rulebook and in a playing sense. He has always been the spark-plug of the team and given them the lift needed to jump over the hurdles. And the hurdles have been many. Buffalo, during the years I was coach, was a marked team wherever they played and Echols was consistently a player the opposition was 'out to get.' In spite of this Echols has kept his head and has time and again laughed off a ticklish situation with the humor of a sportsman and good fellow.

"There may be someone around the country just as good as Echols, but I have yet to see him. Until he is pointed out I'll string along with your selection."

A great player is he, Nathaniel Echols, "Mr. Deaf Basketball!"

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We all agreed that it should be understood that the basketball game of today and that of say twenty years ago are in some ways different, and also

that public interest in the game has since then vastly increased.

During by-gone days football and baseball were the major sports. Basketball, track and wrestling were minor. But now basketball is of equal rank with football in Gallaudet college and schools for the deaf, and the same can be said of the game in the clubs of the deaf everywhere. It is even spreading to many foreign countries, and as Frederick A. Moore stated in *The Ohio Chronicle* last year, he wouldn't be surprised to find teams of deaf of this country competing with those of foreign countries in the near future.

Due to the changes in the rules and regulations, the game of today is much better, and because of the growth of interest in it, the players themselves have greatly improved as compared with the players of other days. Of course, this is no reflection upon the oldtimers. Some of them, we are sure, if they were young again, could be the equals of or even better than any of the players of today.

Our ideal basketball player, or that of any sport, is one who is not only skillful but has brains, leadership, spunk and that something which sparks others to do their best. We have often seen teams collapse just because a single player was removed. Or to put it the other way, teams often play none too well until a "spark-plug" is put in.

J. L. Jackson, tallest of the 15 all-time deaf cagers, being 6 ft. 5 in. in height. He is an all-around center, a fine hook shot and a great board worker. He was voted most valuable player in the Washington AAAD national gagfest and was on AAAD all-tourney teams for two consecutive years (1949-50).

Here goes our creamest of the cream:

1. Nathaniel Echols
2. Noah Downes
3. J. L. Jackson
4. Marvin Tuttle
5. Clyde Nutt
6. Joe Worzel
7. Angel Acuna
8. Walter C. Rockwell
9. Willie Riddle
10. Delmar Cosgrove
11. Fay Teare
12. Lou Dyer
13. Thomas Hunt
14. Thomas Bennett
15. Tony Panella

"One day back in the winter of 1917-18 in a game between the Kendal School and the Maryland School for the Deaf there appeared upon the Kendall Green gymnasium floor a tall, loosely-jointed lad. At first sight everybody laughed inwardly for he could not see how the joints of this fellow could keep from flying to the various corners of the gymnasium, but as the game progressed the spectators came to realize that in this boy there were the makings of a real star. And this lanky lad was none other than Noah Downes, probably the greatest basketball player in deafdom since Prof. Naismith, of the Springfield Young Men's Training School, discovered that basketball could be played with peach baskets as objective points."

This was quoted from the July, 1921, edition of the old *Silent Worker*. Yet today Noah was very much in the running, and got the runner-up spot as the greatest deaf cager of the past half century. It is said that there wasn't anything he couldn't do.

The towering Noah Downes attended



Gallaudet college for only a few months, but while at the college his generosity of donating 281 points in 15 games eventually reaped the Buff and Blue tossers undisputed supremacy in the District of Columbia Intercollegiate basketball conference during the 1918-19 season. He also got his picture in the papers with this epithet attached, "All South Atlantic Forward." The same Maryland youthful nemesis played a lone hand in trouncing the University of Virginia basketweavers, 38-32, as he whipped the cowhide sphere in the net for 30 points. That spectacular one-man floor exhibition dates back to January 24, 1919.

As to additional information on Noah Downes and his present whereabouts we inquired of Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf. Here it is:

"I am very glad you sent me a letter relative to Noah Downes. The school feels honored to have his name listed among the 15 foremost athletes and he amply justifies that award.

"Noah was a natural born athlete. His performance on the basketball court is best remembered by me, although I did not see him in action here at school for he graduated in June, 1918, which was the year I took charge as superintendent. Noah was born in January, 1898 (seven years after the Springfield students gave the sport its baptism) and entered the Maryland school in September, 1905 . . . For a number of years he was successfully employed in a dairy plant in Washington, D.C., having lately moved to Baltimore, where he has assumed a similar position.

"From what I can gather and what I have always felt to be the case, Noah Downes was the best athlete the Maryland School has ever produced. Largely through his efforts, two city championships were awarded to the school. He also played in championship games with the local Y.M.C.A. (Frederick, Md.) basketball team. As an indication of

his interest, it is interesting to relate that during one Christmas vacation, he spent two hours daily by himself practicing basketball shooting.

"Following his school career, Noah spent some time in professional basketball in Florida and later at Hazelton, Pa., where he played football and baseball as well as basketball for several years. Wherever he went he was most popular with players and fans.

"During the earlier days the Frederick school had more older boys and a very successful baseball team. It was largely due to the splendid pitching of Noah Downes that the majority of the games scheduled for the school were won."

Echols and Downes far outdistanced the others. J. L. Jackson, who was voted the most valuable player of the recent AAAD National Basketball tournament at Washington, D. C., while performing for the champion Little Rock Association of the Deaf quintet, was a strong third. A former Arkansas School for the Deaf, lanky, All-State six-foot-five center in 1948, Jackson is the best center to control the ball we have ever seen. He is a player who would make any college coach in the country a happy man.

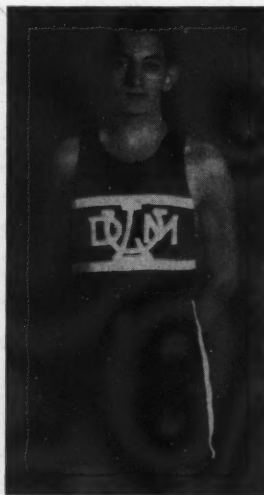
Marvin Tuttle brought the Iowa School for the Deaf more favorable publicity than any player ever turned out by the school. During the 1948-49 season he rang up 566 points in 24 games for an average of 23.6, which is top record in the state high school circles. A great rebounder, he scorched the nets, rolling up as high as 41 in one game, and never being held under 12. He was the only Iowa school player to be honored when he was placed on a first All-State team which was made up in 1949. At the recent AAAD National cagefest, he was easily placed on the All-Tournament team as forward while playing for the Des Moines Silent Club,



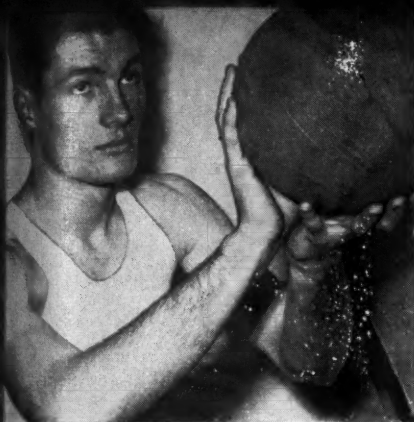
Fay Teare, Nebraska School for the Deaf all-time cage great, had this picture taken for this issue. With him are his wife (left) and 13-year-old daughter. The Teares now live in Albany, Oregon. Fay is a carpenter for a construction firm.

which lost to Little Rock in the finals, 58-60. While shining brilliantly as a basketball player, he was also a stand-out with the shotput, discus, javelin and football. For two consecutive years Marvin was named athlete-of-the-year of Southwest Iowa (1948 and 1949).

Clyde Nutt was the star of the Arkansas School for the Deaf's Class B State High School champion of 1949. A 5-11 push-'em-in-from-anywhere cager, Clyde was acclaimed by coaches and sports writers as the No. 1 state high school player of 1949. His long pushers, and whirling, two-hand jump shots netted 638 points for the Class B champion in 25 games, an average of 26.8 points per game. This set a new national school for the deaf individual scoring record which still stands. He was an easy all-state Class B selection for two years



"Them was the Days." Here's how they looked in uniform when they played during the early twenties. Left to right: Walter C. Rockwell, Noah Downes, Joe Worzel, and Thomas E. Hunt. They all were featured in the old SILENT WORKER, and each was a great basketball player. Downes also had a fling at professional baseball.



Marvin Tuttle, who stands out as one of the amazing forwards of the younger generation. At the Iowa school in 1949 he shared the limelight with Nutt of Arkansas, caging 566 points for an average of 23.6. He now plays for the Des Moines Silent Club.

(1948 and 1949), during which his school won 52 out of 55 games. He now plays for Little Rock Association of the Deaf, and he proved himself a great point maker for he was the leading scorer during the Washington AAAD tourney. Edward S. Foltz, who has coached schools for the deaf teams in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and lately Louisiana for 31 years, sums it up: "Nutt is far and away the best I ever coached." Clyde also was an excellent pass receiver while handling the end post on the football field for the Arkansas school, and was chosen on the All-District high school team at end for two years in 1948 and 1949.

Joe Worzel was the Lexington School for the Deaf flash of some 35 years ago, and also was captain of the Silent Separates, one of the outstanding pro basketball teams of yesteryear. This outfit was

a constant headache to the Original Celtics, Rens and Visitations, regularly scheduled opponents of the Silent teams. During that time Joe weighed only 115 pounds but his remarkable accuracy in locating the basket from all angles of the court made him a dangerous man and his speed in dribbling was a revelation; above all, his quick thinking at opportune moments more than once turned a seeming defeat into a glorious victory.

Angel Acuna, now a professional player with the New York Nationals, has been featured in the March, 1949, number of *THE SILENT WORKER*, so we need not go into detail about him. We, however, will tell you as to his latest achievement. Last summer he was in Europe for a 60-game junket, playing for the Stars of America, composed of outstanding collegians of the United States, such as Leo Barnhorst of Notre Dame, Tony Lavelli of Yale, Bobby Hahn of North Carolina and Norman Baker of Vancouver, B. C., one of Canada's outstanding cagers. These Stars played the famed Harlem Globe Trotters. These two teams gave exhibition games in several cities in Portugal, England, France Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. It was Acuna's second trip over there. The first was when he was a member of the Mexican Olympic basketball team and was the second high scorer in the Olympics at London, England, in 1948, and aided his team to the quarter-finals before losing to the United States team. After starring for three years for the Arizona School for the Deaf and three years for the Chihuahua (Mexico) State Teachers' College, Acuna was a

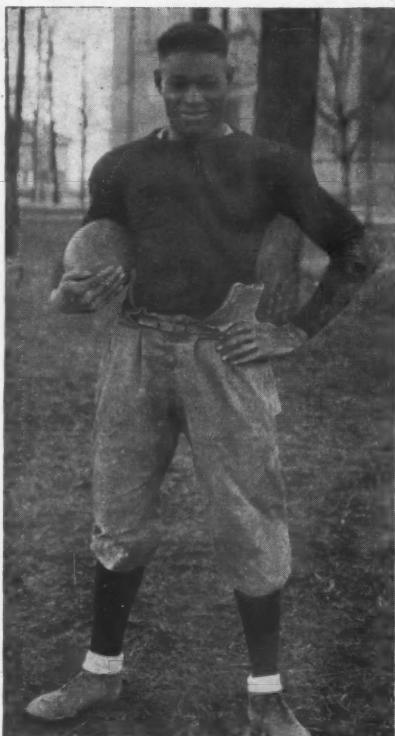
member of the Mexican National Champions, Chihuahua Dorados, for two years.

Walter C. Rockwell throughout his entire college career played football, basketball and baseball and earned for himself the distinction of being one of the greatest all-around athletes Gallaudet College has ever produced. Though Walt was a shining star in football and baseball, he starred even more in basketball. It is said that he tossed the ball into the basket with striking accuracy, and for this reason he received the Washington *Post's* unanimous choice for a forward berth on the All-South Atlantic first team for two seasons (1914 and 1915).

Willie Riddle is the all-time cage great of the South Carolina School for the Deaf. He has played basketball for more than twenty-five years. Through the years Riddle has earned a reputation as a great competitor and a gentleman. Writes Alex B. Rosen "I think it would be very fine to have an article about Willie Riddle in *THE SILENT WORKER*. Those who have seen him and I believe he is the greatest of all in fifty years. Riddle was called a basketball wizard by several southeastern newspapers. I believe he will never be equalled since he played for the big professional Class AA Dunbar Mill team for more than twenty years." The Dunbar Mill is one of a great system of textile mills in South Carolina. They promote sports of all kinds and draw to their various leagues even top professional talent. Riddle, a few years ago, was accorded special honors by sponsors of the textile leagues for his long



Here's how they look today, these great cages of the early twenties. Left, Walter Rockwell and his wife, the former Miliam Flenner (Gallaudet College, Class of 1920). He now teaches woodworking and visual education at the American School for the Deaf. Center is Thomas E. Hunt, a 6 ft. 2 in. giant, now living in Buffalo, N. Y. At right is Joe Worzel, who was born and reared in New York City. With him is his petite wife. The Worzels recently announced the marriage of their only daughter to a former University of Wisconsin quarterback. Joe is now a linotype operator on the New York *POST*. Word has just come that Thomas Hunt passed away on Nov. 27.



The picture above is the only one available of Thomas Bennett, but it is a good likeness in spite of the football togs. Thomas died several years ago of tuberculosis, but his athletic feats, especially in basketball, are a legend at the Indiana School for the Deaf, as well as in surrounding sections of the state. He was probably the first deaf colored player to star in sports. He stood something over 6 feet and had extra long arms and big hands. He could outjump any man he ever played against, including a player who was later judged the best center in Indiana. He was fast and accurate in passing and could drop them in from all angles and distances.

career on the basketball court. He also was an outstanding baseball player, and played in both the textile leagues and one of the minor professional leagues. Well, watch for an article on Willie Riddle in the March number of the *WORKER*.

Delmar Cosgrove played three years on the varsity at the Washington School for the Deaf, being sixteen years old the last year. He had an average of 25 points per game the last year he was in the school and was chosen captain of the All-Star public high school team of the league in which he played. In a tournament of the high school teams the same year, he made an unusual record when he looped in 53 out of a possible 60 from the foul line and was 18 points ahead of his nearest competitor. After he got warmed up he shot 21 straight, a remarkable record. Led by Cosgrove, with his uncanny shooting eye, the Washington school won the county basketball championship tourna-

ment in 1926. This was the first championship the school had won since its entrance into county prep school athletics. Cosgrove was not only selected as the best forward in the league, but was also the unanimous choice of all the coaches in the league. The Vancouver *Columbian* had the following to say of him:

Of all the players in the league none was more outstanding than Cosgrove of the State School for the Deaf team, who has been picked as forward on the first team. His shooting is uncanny, both from the floor and in converting free throws. While he is not as clever as some players in the league, in dribbling and passing, he is a very valuable player and was the offensive star of the deaf team. Other teams soon found that he was the forward to be watched but even with several guards checking at every turn, Cosgrove always came through with his share of the baskets. On the deaf floor Cosgrove can sink field goals from any angle or position and is nearly as effective on any floor.

This was true when we saw Cosgrove play five years on the varsity at Gallaudet College, graduating in 1931. He seemed to have been born with basketball brains, for time and again he was able to elude the best guards sent up against him. He refused to budge from his top seat in the District intercollegiate individual scoring race for two years extending from 1928-29 till 1930-31 when he was finally crowded off by Fred Mesmer of Georgetown University. Cosgrove also was once the choice of both the *Washington Herald* and the *Washington Post* for one of the forward berths on their All-District teams and neither paper was hesitant about the choice.

Fay Teare was the star of Nebraska School for the Deaf's State High School Class A champions of 1931, which was featured in the October, 1949, edition of *THE SILENT WORKER*.

Burt Shipley, then coach of the University of Maryland five, formally announced in the Washington papers late in the winter of 1928 that Lou Dyer and Delmar Cosgrove would be the joint answer to prayers of any basketball mentor of a bigger university. Speaking of Dyer, he was Gallaudet's teammate of Cosgrove, and captained the Gallaudet five during his sophomore year. The brilliant showing he made during the three seasons at the college stood out and he was closely watched by all opponents. Dyer was a fast and heady player and the center of the college's passing attack. In the fall of 1929 he left Gallaudet and entered St. Regis (Denver, Colo., his birthplace) College on an athletic scholarship but shortly afterwards his meteoric intercollegiate athletic career was cut short when he was declared ineligible on the grounds that he was a transfer. Before that day turned to night, he was lured into the professional basket-



Clyde Nutt, above, who in his last year at the Arkansas School for the Deaf, (1949), scored 638 points for an average of 26.8 per game. He now plays for the Little Rock Association of the Deaf, and was one of the stars of the team which won the national tournament laurels at Washington, D. C.

ball field and was later a dominant figure with the Denver Piggly Wiggly Stores team, beating one team after another on its tour of the Pacific Coast. More about him will be in the form of a feature article also in the March number of *THE SILENT WORKER*, so watch for it.

Thomas E. Hunt, a 6'2" giant, is regarded by Thomas A. Hinchey, as the greatest deaf player before the time of Echols. He was a great ball handler and dead-eye shot, both short and long. He played with several professional teams in Ohio, during the 'teens. The following was quoted from the old *Silent Worker*, May, 1923, which should be of interest to the readers of this new *SILENT WORKER*:

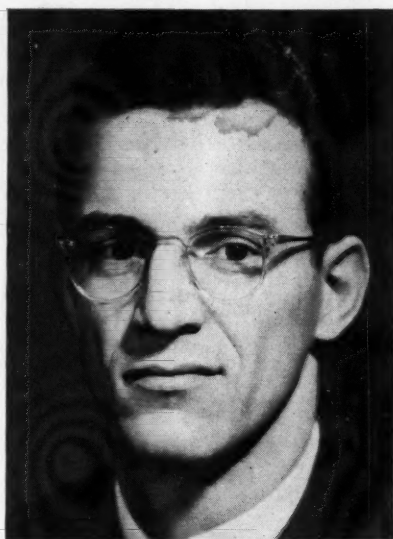
He became one of the original members of the famous Clyde Buckeyes basketball team and his sensational playing did a lot to make that team one of the best in the country. They defeated the Buckeye Paints, Dayton Cadets, Oswego Giants, and many other notable teams. Their record was when they defeated Otobein College, 132 to 12. Tommy had an uncanny ability at making long shots and won many games in the last few minutes that way. He is an accurate shooter and passes the ball like chain-lightning. His services were in great demand by surrounding teams and he played with several fast

teams, at one time being on the road with the Oswego Giants.

In February, 1921, Hunt went back to Buffalo and joined the Buffalo Silent Athletic Club, in existence since 1914 and now called the Buffalo Club of the Deaf, which had a team in the city basketball league. Tommy helped to pull the SAC from the cellar position to the respectable fourth place. His sensational playing in the last few games attracted the attention of sports followers and this easily explained the demand for his services the following year. However, during the 1921-22 season, he was again signed to lead the SAC in the City League. His sensational playing helped his team to land in first place in a tie with two other teams. A post season series was played to decide the winner. The SAC minus the great Tommy, who was forced out of the game with an abscess on the leg, lost the chance to cop the title. Hunt also was a professional baseball player.

Thomas Bennett died some years ago, but he was nominated as the star of stars by A. H. Norris, who piloted Indiana School for the Deaf to three consecutive Central States Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament championships from 1927 to 1929. Here's what Norris has to say about Bennett:

After the Indiana School had been closed for a year a big effort was being made to build up sports in the school. Among candidates for basketball was Thomas Bennett. He was something over six feet tall and had extra long arms and big hands. During the years 1920-1924 basketball at the school revolved around Big Tom. He was a jumping center second to none that he ever met, and he also played the back guard assignment. On offensive his long reach, quick thinking, and speedy action made him a formidable obstacle to the opposition. He led his team always but never criticised. He led by example. If the going became difficult and the team seemed discouraged he could be counted on to do the unexpected and land a basket or two from unexpected angles. He left school



Latest photo of Tony Panella. Now coach of the Milwaukee Silent Club quintet, he was nominated by Lenny Warshawsky, sports editor of THE FRAT as "Clubs for the Deaf Coach of 1950." It took him six years of hard work to get his club ready for the Washington tournament, where they took fourth place.

in 1924 to help his father on the farm and died of tuberculosis a few years later. Tom was black of face but is a well beloved legend in Indiana.

The tendency seems to be to talk or write up the forwards and centers, so one is not able to judge very well as to the merits of the guards. But Tony Panella, "was the most polished and graceful player I have ever seen," writes Frederick J. Neesam. Tony was one of the stars on his Wisconsin School for the Deaf team during the 1931-32 and 1932-33 seasons in which the team won 45 and lost only 4. He was placed on the all-tourney team for two straight years at the

Central States Schools for the Deaf in 1932 and 1933, and was selected as ALL-AMERICA guard in 1933 by the defunct All-America Board then composed of J. Frederick Meagher, S. Robey Burns, Edward S. Foltz and Edward H. Davies. Panella quit the Wisconsin school in 1933 to enter the Paul Binner day school for the deaf in Milwaukee, his hometown, and while there played on the Lincoln High School team. In the Milwaukee dailies full page top headlines gave him credit for winning games for Lincoln. The following was quoted from the Lincoln high school *Quill* of 1934:

For the third straight year we kept the basketball championship. The Blue and Grey Cagers won eight games and lost one, and in the opinion of the coaches, it was the greatest team produced at Lincoln.

Coach Meanwell of Wisconsin said, "I think Lincoln could have licked any team that participated in the State tournament." That statement coming from an expert like Coach Meanwell is a weighty and meaningful observation.

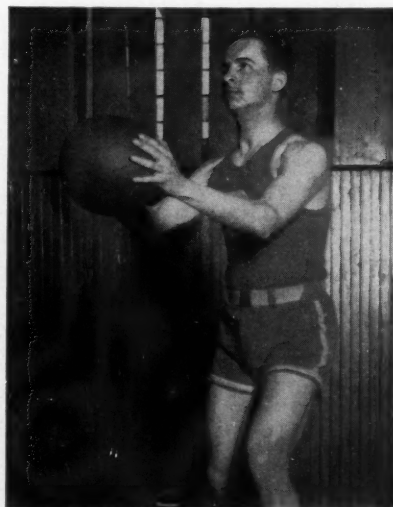
Lincoln placed four boys on the All City teams, namely, Tony Panella, Vincent Cibik, Emil Horlick, and Alex Behm. Lincoln has established an enviable record in the eyes of the city by winning 22 games and losing one during the past three years.

Tony Panella saved the Championship for us this year by his cool and brilliant playing. He was considered by many to be the most outstanding basketball player in the city high schools. He was placed on the All-City team because of his exceptional ball handling, speed and guarding.

Coach Harold "Red" Carroll said, "If all our boys had Panella's spirit and loyalty, coaching would be a very easy job." Coach Ronald Foote said, "Panella is the best floor-man and ball handler Lincoln ever had."

Tony Panella after his school days played for several years in the Milwaukee Triple A Municiple League and was a stand out. He also played for Freeman Shoes of Milwaukee, which captured the Italian basketball league championship, but lost in the finals by

Below is Delmer Cosgrove, one of the chief point-getters at the Washington School for three years and at Gallaudet 1927-31. During his playing days, Cosgrove had uncanny scoring ability, both from the floor and from the free throw line. With him at the left are his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Ann. The Cosgroves live in San Diego, Calif., where Delmar operates a linotype for one of the dailies.



only three points in the all-nations tournament.

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There now, readers, we've gone and done it. It was harder than we thought. We think all of these named played long enough to be rated among the top fifteen. There were so many other players who have participated in the AAAD national basketball tournaments or any AAAD sanctioned meets whom we hated to leave out, such as Larry Marxer, James Jackson, Paul Loveland, George Dietrich, LeRoy Davis, Lee Montez, Donald Ross, Roger Dempewolf, Albert Hecker, Wallis Beatty, Tony Crino, Stanley Nabozny, Tom Salopek and Steve Renick. Of the old timers Charles Carmen of the Ohio school, Class '27, was a very fine forward. Also there were Otto Reincke, 6-foot-2, of New Jersey, who was a very good all around player and played semi-pro for years in the 'teens; Maurice Moster, a great set shot and ball handler on the best Goodyear Silents team; Harvey Boldt, one of Neesam's all-time aces, who was easily the stand-out in the 1934 Central States Schools for the Deaf tourney; Joe Allen, the peer of all Akron players on Goodyear teams, both in past and present, was a tremendous cutter and ball hawk and his speed was a thing of beauty; George Hamontree of Texas, who was rated by Troy Hill as the smoothest ball handler and the best man to hit the basket from any position on the floor he has seen since Downes; Stanley Puzausky, great all around center on the 1932 National Champion West-



These were the boys who were responsible for Nebraska School for the Deaf's steady climb up the ladder to the final round of the State Class A High School basketball tournament and victory in 1931. Left to right: Fay Teare, Coach Nick Petersen and Frank Jahnel. The story of this great team has been told in the October, 1949, number of THE SILENT WORKER. Teare was the high-point scorer of the tourney and was unanimously selected on the All-State team of 1931. Jahnel also gained all-state recognition, received some votes but failed to make the all-time deaf cage team of 50 years. He is now deceased. Petersen recently has been appointed coach of the Omaha Club of the Deaf five, a member club of the AAAD.

ern Pennsylvania school team and was named as the greatest of all times on teams of the school; Thomas McManus, probably the greatest of all Mt. Airy cagers back in 1917-18-19, who shot a total of 119 out of 121 foul

goals during a regulation season which you may recall that in those days whenever a foul was called, only one player on the team did the foul shooting. Tom was drowned years ago down in Virginia where he worked.

Present Statistics of the 15 Greatest Deaf Cagers of the Past 50 Years

Selected in a Poll Conducted by THE SILENT WORKER Selection Board

Name	School Attended	Age	Height	Weight	Residence	Occupation
F—Marvin Tuttle	Iowa	20	6'3"	215	Des Moines, Iowa	Cabinet Maker
F—Clyde Nutt	Arkansas	22	5'9"	145	Fordyce, Ark.	Shoe Repairman
F—Walter C. Rockwell	American	58	5'7"	160	West Hartford, Conn.	Teacher
F—Delmar Cosgrove	Washington	41	5'9"	165	San Diego, Calif.	Linotype Operator
F—Fay Teare	Nebraska	38	5'10"	150	Albany, Ore.	Carpenter
F—Thomas E. Hunt	St. Mary's	57	6'2"	200	Buffalo, N. Y.	Clothing Cleaner
C—Noah Downes	Maryland	53	6'1"	165	Baltimore, Md.	Dairyman
C—J. L. Jackson	Arkansas	23	6'5"	180	Little Rock, Ark.	Student
C—Thomas Bennett	Indiana	(Passed Away)				
G—Nathaniel Echols	St. Mary's	31	5'7"	170	Buffalo, N. Y.	Clothing Presser
G—Joe Worzel	Lexington	53	5'6"	135	Bronx, N. Y.	Linotype Operator
G—Willie Riddle	South Carolina	48	6'0"	160	Greenville, S. C.	Textile Worker
G—Angel Acuna	Arizona	30	5'11"	150	Tucson, Ariz.	Pro Player
G—Lou Dyer	Colorado	42	5'8"	190	Los Angeles, Calif.	Printer
G—Tony Panella	Wisconsin	36	6'0"	160	Milwaukee, Wis.	Leather Worker

Those who participated in the poll conducted last summer were: Frederick J. Neesam, Delavan, Wis.; William S. Hunter, Vancouver, Wash.; Edward S. Foltz, Baton Rouge, La.; Joe Worzel, Bronx, N.Y.; Walter C. Rockwell, West Hartford, Conn.; Frederick A. Moore, Columbus, Ohio; Alex. B. Rosen, Spartanburg, S.C.; Harry L. Baynes, Talladega, Ala.; Leonard Warshawsky, Chicago, Ill.; Troy E. Hill, Dallas, Tex.; Lou Dyer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nathan Lahn, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Chester C. Dobson, Washington, D.C.; Thomas A. Hinchey, Syracuse, N.Y.; James C. Ellerhorst, Dearborn, Mich.; A. H. Norris, Baltimore, Md.; Hugh J. Cusack, Philadelphia, Pa.; Raymond Butler, Austin, Tex.; Harold O. Berger, Allentown, Pa.; Oscar Treuke, Omaha, Neb.; Howard S. Ferguson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cyril A. Painter, Albemarle, N.C., and the sports editor.

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Editor:

This is written on Gallaudet Day 1950. This morning we worshipped in a church with more than 150 deaf friends. Services in the sign language were made possible largely through the efforts of Dr. Thomas Hopkins, Gallaudet. This afternoon we attended a program at the Minnesota School for the Deaf. At this program the Minnesota Association of the Deaf presented the boys and girls of the school two television sets. Again it was pointed out to us how much we owed to Dr. Gallaudet. This evening we attended a birthday party honoring Dr. Gallaudet. . . .

The deaf people of America love and honor Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. That is as it should be, for he did so much for them. It is fitting that we have an annual Gallaudet Day to honor our friend. It was fitting that the deaf asked that the National Deaf-Mute College be called Gallaudet College in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. It was fitting that the deaf of America place a beautiful bronze statue of Dr. Gallaudet on the grounds of Gallaudet College and a replica of same on the grounds of the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, Conn.

Now the New England Gallaudet Association, representing the deaf of New England, has undertaken to erect another memorial to Dr. Gallaudet. In letters sent out it states that this memorial is to take the form of a beautiful symbolic sculptural work which shows a child being raised upward into light by two great hands. The memorial would be in bronze resting on a granite pedestal and would be placed at the convergence of Farmington and Asylum Avenues, one of the busiest points in the city of Hartford, Conn. This memorial would cost \$12,000. About \$2,000 has been raised.

No one questions the good motives of our friends who have started this drive, but we do question the wisdom and good judgment of putting so much money in another monument when there are so many important, practical, and worthwhile projects into which the money could well be put.

A national drive is on to raise the money for this statue. Organizations of the deaf have been asked to contribute. We believe all schools for the deaf in America have been asked to contribute,

raising money by parties, or similar affairs.

The authorities at the Minnesota School for the Deaf have in mind a great number of projects that would benefit the students if money were available. To take money that could so well be used to further the education of the deaf child and put it into a statue does not seem right to us. If Dr. Gallaudet were living today, we believe he would be the first man to object to this, and that he would object vigorously.

At this time the National Association of the Deaf is conducting a drive to raise money for its Endowment Fund so that the NAD may have a home office. Here is something that will benefit all of the deaf. This is a project that should have the full support of the deaf. Everyone should at least join the NAD.

Of course, if the deaf people of New England want to raise \$12,000 and put it into a bronze statue, that is their affair. However, since they have broadcast appeals for donations to all corners of the country, it is now a national affair. We have talked to leading school men, to Gallaudet men, and to officers of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, and to a man they are opposed to the proposition. . . .

We are in favor of every good project that will help to further the interests of the deaf of America, but to put \$12,000 in another statue is unthinkable, from our point of view. This sum, available to our beloved Gallaudet College, would help the hard-working administration over many rough spots. We know that the athletic department could use it; the library could use it; the science department could use it; the printing department could use it; and no doubt Dr. Elstad or Dr. Fushfeld could put it to use in a good number of ways.

We must remember that there are only so many deaf people in the country and that the amount of money that can be raised by donations is limited. This is a plea that our local and national leaders put their heads together and see that money raised is put to the best possible use for the welfare of all the deaf.

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